

Kaw Valley Almanac

October 25 - 31, 2021

www.kawvalleyalmanac.com twitter: @KVAAlmanac

Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	09:42 PM	04:40 AM	12:27 PM	77%
Tuesday	10:32 PM	05:30 AM	01:20 PM	68%
Wednesday	11:29 PM	06:21 AM	02:07 PM	59%
Thursday		07:12 AM	02:49 PM	3rd Quarter
Friday	12:30 AM	08:02 AM	03:25 PM	40%
Saturday	01:35 AM	08:51 AM	03:57 PM	30%
Sunday	02:41 AM	09:39 AM	04:26 PM	20%



This time of year can provide incredibly lush landscape photos such as this one taken along the Wakarusa River, as the trees become more colorful by the day, and a walk in the woods can shower you with falling leaves that carpet the ground with yellow, red and orange shades. Prairies are turning color too, bringing the opportunity to capture top-down snapshots of grasses and forbs whose colors get even brighter after a rain.



Sun

Mercury E at dawn. After dusk: Venus sets WSW, Jupiter(left), and Saturn(right) in S.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:48 AM	07:40 AM	06:28 PM	07:30 PM
Tuesday	06:49 AM	07:41 AM	06:27 PM	07:29 PM
Wednesday	06:50 AM	07:43 AM	06:26 PM	07:28 PM
Thursday	06:51 AM	07:44 AM	06:24 PM	07:27 PM
Friday	06:52 AM	07:45 AM	06:23 PM	07:26 PM
Saturday	06:53 AM	07:46 AM	06:22 PM	07:24 PM
Sunday	06:54 AM	07:47 AM	06:21 PM	07:23 PM

Live outside the Lawrence area? Get rise and setting times, moon data where you live at: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

§ Wetlands, especially around sunrise and sunset, are good places to look for shorebirds and migrating redbird/grackle flocks; and reservoirs across the state hold many seagulls, some eagles, geese and ducks. Dry sunflower stalks and prairie grasses are good places to look for a variety of sparrows.

§ Oriental lady bugs are invading homes and collecting into ceiling/south-facing corners, looking for places to overwinter. Since they are an invasive species, feel free to vacuum and dispose of them. The native bright red and black box elder beetles are also clustering in sunny, protected areas as temperatures drift toward our first freezes of the season.

§ There is still a chance to help collect seeds for prairie restoration projects with the Grassland Heritage Foundation this Saturday, Oct. 30 1-4pm at the Blackjack Prairie east of Baldwin: check the www.jayhawkaudubon.org calendar for details.

§ The osage orange trees are dropping their hedge apples these days, so be careful not to park under one--they'll break a windshield! Watch for deer around dawn and dusk while you're at it--deer-auto collisions peak soon due to the increasing activity occurring around rutting or deer mating season..