

Kaw Valley Almanac

October 11 - 17, 2021

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	01:35 PM	06:13 PM	10:51 PM	36%
Tuesday	02:37 PM	07:14 PM	11:54 PM	1st Quarter
Wednesday	03:29 PM	08:13 PM		59%
Thursday	04:11 PM	09:08 PM	01:01 AM	69%
Friday	04:46 PM	09:58 PM	02:10 AM	78%
Saturday	05:16 PM	10:45 PM	03:18 AM	86%
Sunday	05:42 PM	11:30 PM	04:23 AM	93%



This still vibrant prairie or downy gentian is a good reason to continue to walk an area prairie, even as sunflowers and goldenrods finish up. The warm season grasses will begin turning color just like the trees this week.



Sun

Venus sets WSW after dusk, Jupiter(left), Saturn(R) in S.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:34 AM	07:26 AM	06:48 PM	07:49 PM
Tuesday	06:35 AM	07:27 AM	06:46 PM	07:47 PM
Wednesday	06:36 AM	07:28 AM	06:45 PM	07:46 PM
Thursday	06:37 AM	07:29 AM	06:43 PM	07:44 PM
Friday	06:38 AM	07:30 AM	06:42 PM	07:43 PM
Saturday	06:39 AM	07:31 AM	06:40 PM	07:42 PM
Sunday	06:40 AM	07:32 AM	06:39 PM	07:40 PM

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

§ With much needed rains, look for a possible flush of fall mushrooms, increased insect and spider activity and increased bird migration every time the wind shifts to the north. Seagulls are still hanging out, swirling overhead especially around sunrise and sunset; the same with the amoeba-like blobs of thousands of grackles, redwinged blackbirds and the like, also decorating many power lines. Migratory waterfowl, raptors, game birds and other birds are abundant this time of year.

§ Afternoons are still good times to hear the sounds of grasshoppers, crickets and tree frogs. Check out online the variety of calls to ID exactly who you are listening to.

§ Asters continue to bloom white, lavender and purple as the primary remaining fall flower, with most sunflowers fading or done, unless it has been mowed off earlier in the summer, creating conditions for some late blossoms. The tallgrasses will continue to get richer in color, with sumac, virginia creeper, poison ivy and dogwood still red.

§ If you want to help the Grassland Heritage Foundation collect native seed for restoration projects, come to the Blackjack Prairie east of Baldwin 10am-noon on Saturday and join right in! Find direction, details at the www.jayhawkaudubon.org calendar.