

# Kaw Valley Almanac

April 25 – May 1, 2022

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	04:17 AM	09:31 AM	02:54 PM	24%
Tuesday	04:46 AM	10:19 AM	04:02 PM	15%
Wednesday	05:12 AM	11:05 AM	05:07 PM	8%
Thursday	05:36 AM	11:48 AM	06:11 PM	4%
Friday	05:59 AM	12:31 PM	07:14 PM	1%
Saturday	06:24 AM	01:15 PM	08:17 PM	New Moon



Green elm seeds, blooming redbuds, wind and rain were all in play across much of our area last week, as we head into the last week of April. As a result, expect much of the month's activities in nature compressed into the coming week, as delayed woodland wildflowers and morels try to do their thing before the trees leaf out.



## Sun

Jupiter, Venus, Saturn, Mars in east before dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:44 AM	06:40 AM	08:01 PM	09:04 PM
Tuesday	05:42 AM	06:38 AM	08:02 PM	09:06 PM
Wednes.	05:41 AM	06:37 AM	08:03 PM	09:07 PM
Thursday	05:39 AM	06:35 AM	08:04 PM	09:08 PM
Friday	05:38 AM	06:34 AM	08:05 PM	09:09 PM
Saturday	05:36 AM	06:33 AM	08:06 PM	09:10 PM

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

§ Looking for a way to hike with others this week? Free State's annual Trails that Connect event is taking place at their bottling facility on Friday 5-8pm alongside the Burroughs Creek Trail, and Jayhawk Audubon and Lawrence Public Library are leading a hike on Saturday at 8am at the Baker Wetlands.

§ Prairies continue to wake up, so look for verbena, yellow star-eyed grass, pussytoes, spring beauty, and prairie violets among the prairie grasses that are just beginning to sprout. If you are looking for morels in native woodlands, take some extra time to look at the chocolate colored papaw blossoms, woodland phlox, dogtooth violets, blooming buckeyes and opening hickory buds.

§ Spring songbird migration is in full swing, and area woods are full of "first of season" birds returning north, so now is an excellent to either see them or learn them by their song by recording them and identifying them with a phone app. Look for bird nesting where ever you live.

§ There are many wild edible plants this time of year, including nettles, poke, mustard garlic, wild onions, lambs-quarter, watercress, chickweed, plantain, and, yes, dandelion.

§ Coyotes, turkeys, skunks, opossums, turkey vultures, swallows, foxes, copperheads and rabbits are raising young.