

Kaw Valley Almanac

May 2 - 8, 2022

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	07:21 AM	02:47 PM	10:22 PM	4%
Tuesday	07:56 AM	03:36 PM	11:22 PM	9%
Wednesday	08:37 AM	04:26 PM		15%
Thursday	09:24 AM	05:17 PM	12:18 AM	23%
Friday	10:18 AM	06:07 PM	01:08 AM	31%
Saturday	11:16 AM	06:56 PM	01:52 AM	40%
Sunday	12:17 PM	07:44 PM	02:30 AM	1st Quarter



The leaves of the walnut, on the left, emerge much later than the cottonwood, on the right. If you look carefully you will see a little splash of red from the cardinal perched amongst the walnut branches. Many migratory songbirds are returning right now; as are the tree leaves: watch for both this week!



Mars west after dusk, Jupiter, Saturn low east at dawn.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:23 AM	06:21 AM	08:14 PM	09:21 PM
Tuesday	05:21 AM	06:20 AM	08:15 PM	09:22 PM
Wednesday	05:20 AM	06:19 AM	08:16 PM	09:23 PM
Thursday	05:19 AM	06:18 AM	08:17 PM	09:24 PM
Friday	05:17 AM	06:17 AM	08:18 PM	09:26 PM
Saturday	05:16 AM	06:16 AM	08:19 PM	09:27 PM
Sunday	05:15 AM	06:15 AM	08:20 PM	09:28 PM

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

§ If you are out in the woods this week, keep an eye open for the beautiful May apple blossom. Look for the distinctive umbrella-like leaves, and to find the blossom underneath, you only need to look under the plants with two leaves, with the flower emerging at the fork between the two leaves. The understory wildflowers are beginning to wrap up with the emergence of the taller tree leaves, which shades all below, and those plants shift from flowers to seed and berry growing.

§ Coyotes, turkeys, skunks, opossums, turkey vultures, swallows, foxes, copperheads and rabbits are raising young right now--drive carefully!

§ Some of the native prairie wildflowers currently blooming include prairie violets, wood betony, hoary puccoon, creamy wild indigo, verbena, stargrass, oxalis, New Jersey tea, spring beauty and hoary puccoon. Cool season grasses are growing fast, with bluegrass already forming seedheads.

§ Many fish also will start spawning, including carp, sunfish and many types of shiners. Wasps are building nests and bumblebees are checking each opening flower bud. I saw a butterfly going from one new cottonwood leaf to another: was it finding sweetness or just in awe of the tender young leaves?

§ Meet Jayhawk Audubon members at 8am this Wednesday at the east end of Lone Star Lake for bird watching field trip.