

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	01:20 PM	08:30 PM	03:02 AM	60%
Tuesday	02:24 PM	09:16 PM	03:31 AM	69%
Wednesday	03:29 PM		03:57 AM	79%
Thursday	04:35 PM	10:46 PM	04:22 AM	87%
Friday	05:45 PM	11:34 PM	04:47 AM	93%
Saturday	06:57 PM		05:14 AM	98%
Sunday	08:14 PM	12:26 AM	05:45 AM	Full Moon



Prairies are coming alive, as evidenced by the yellow star-eyed grass to the left, white strawberries lower right, and wood betony, upper right. Look also for spiderworts, oxeye daisy, wild blue indigo replacing creamy yellow indigo, joining the blooming verbena, prairie parsley, lingering puccoons and prairie violets.



Mars, Jupiter, Saturn east at dawn.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:14 AM	06:14 AM	08:21 PM	09:29 PM
Tuesday	05:12 AM	06:13 AM	08:22 PM	09:30 PM
Wednesday	05:11 AM	06:12 AM	08:23 PM	09:31 PM
Thursday	05:10 AM	06:11 AM	08:24 PM	09:33 PM
Friday	05:09 AM	06:10 AM	08:25 PM	09:34 PM
Saturday	05:08 AM	06:09 AM	08:26 PM	09:35 PM
Sunday	05:06 AM	06:08 AM	08:26 PM	09:36 PM

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

§ This is a great time to observe and listen to a wide variety of birds as this may be the time of year with the most variety of species easily visible or heard. Songbirds and shorebirds have almost all returned, are breeding and singing their territorial songs and decked out in their most colorful feathers of the year, and listen for the whippoorwills and other nightjars begin to add their songs to the night.

§ Speaking of the night, look for luna moths on your window after dark, attracted by the lights in your house, sometimes lingering there the following morning. June bugs are ready to join in, while bumble and carpenter bees, wasps, beetles, ants and some butterflies are found in the daytime,

§ Mosquitoes are out, feeding perch and other fish which are spawning. The waters also contain salamanders, tadpoles and a variety of frogs, each with their own distinctive song. Toads can be found further from water at this point, although as temperatures warm, tree frogs will pursue insect food far from the creek, pond and river. Of course, snakes pursue the frogs!

§ There is a total lunar eclipse next Sunday, with the partial phase beginning at 9:27pm, totality lasting from 10:29 - 11:53pm, and leaving the earth's shadow at 12:50am. All of Kansas will see all of the moon's total eclipse phase; in the western 1/4 of the state, the partial phase will have started at moonrise.