

# Kaw Valley Almanac

August 8 - 14, 2022

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	06:00 PM	10:35 PM	02:08 AM	87%
Tuesday	07:04 PM	11:40 PM	03:09 AM	94%
Wednesday	07:57 PM		04:20 AM	98%
Thursday	08:41 PM	12:44 AM	05:38 AM	Full Moon
Friday	09:16 PM	01:44 AM	06:56 AM	99%
Saturday	09:45 PM	02:39 AM	08:12 AM	95%
Sunday	10:12 PM	03:30 AM	09:24 AM	89%



Ornate box turtles are found in every county in Kansas but are too often killed on roads, especially one ones that run between two pastures. They are also poached for illegal animal trafficking. These fine omnivores beat the heat this time of year by burrowing, being active in the coolest parts of the day.



## Sun

Venus east, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn south at dawn.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:30 AM	06:28 AM	08:24 PM	09:31 PM
Tuesday	05:31 AM	06:29 AM	08:23 PM	09:30 PM
Wednesday	05:32 AM	06:30 AM	08:21 PM	09:29 PM
Thursday	05:33 AM	06:31 AM	08:20 PM	09:27 PM
Friday	05:34 AM	06:31 AM	08:19 PM	09:26 PM
Saturday	05:35 AM	06:32 AM	08:18 PM	09:24 PM
Sunday	05:36 AM	06:33 AM	08:16 PM	09:23 PM

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

§ Prairie wildflowers to check out this week include gayfeather, stiff sunflower, compassplant and Rudbeckia subtomentosa, Euphorbia corollata, wild petunia and showy partridge pea along with many others. Ashy sunflowers are starting to bloom, and goldenrods are increasing. Tallgrass prairie grasses continue to shoot up their tall seedheads and sumac berries are ripe.

§ All of the state but parts of northeast and north central Kansas are in various stages of drought, with little relief expected for the rest of the month and the Climate Prediction Center predicts above normal temperatures and below average precipitation thru October.

§ Poison ivy is putting out its berries, while a much better liked vine, wild grapes, are growing fruit that will be ripe for eating toward the end of this month. Elderberries are ripening as we speak, as are inedible (by humans) dogwood fruit.

§ The full moon will make it difficult to see the Perseid meteor shower which peaks Aug. 11, but look for owls and other wildlife taking advantage of the moonlit nights and enjoy the nighthawks diving over your downtown to pick off bugs after dark. The shortening days (we lose 15 minutes of daylight this week) should trigger redwinged blackbirds to start to gather in flocks in area wetlands, seen around sunrise and sunset.