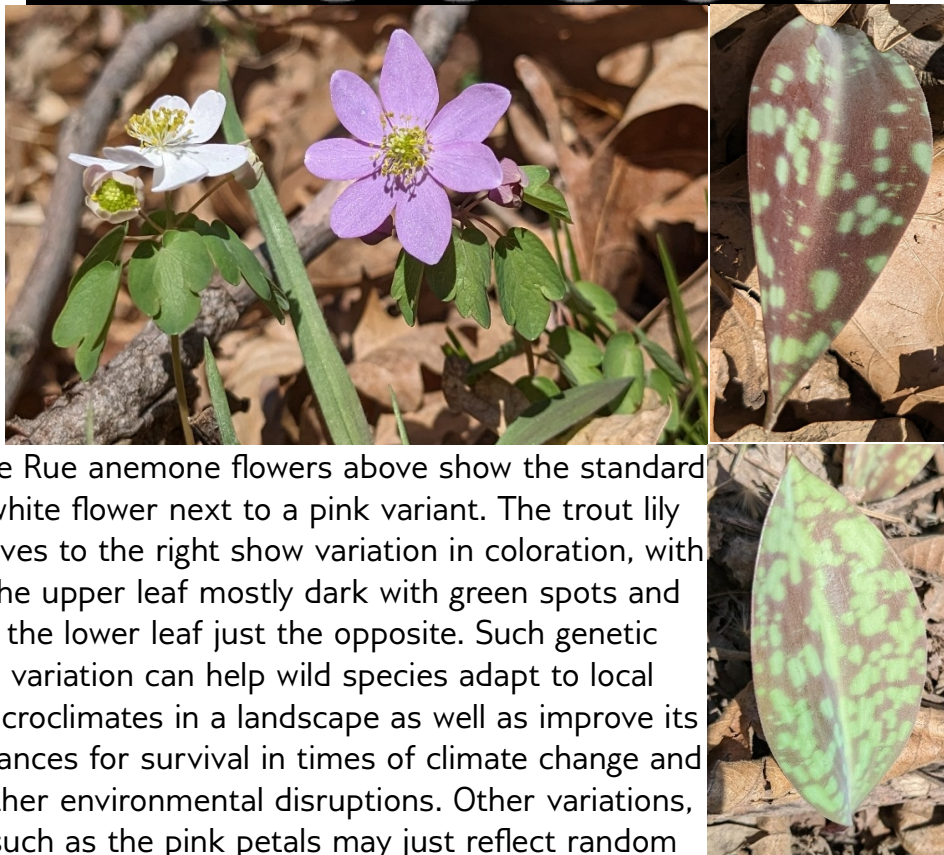


Kaw Valley Almanac

April 3 - 9, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	05:28 PM		06:10 AM	92%
Tuesday	06:29 PM	12:05 AM	06:32 AM	96%
Wednesday	07:31 PM	12:47 AM	06:54 AM	99%
Thursday	08:36 PM	01:29 AM	07:17 AM	Full Moon
Friday	09:43 PM	02:13 AM	07:41 AM	99%
Saturday	10:52 PM	03:00 AM	08:09 AM	95%
Sunday		03:51 AM	08:43 AM	90%



The Rue anemone flowers above show the standard white flower next to a pink variant. The trout lily leaves to the right show variation in coloration, with the upper leaf mostly dark with green spots and the lower leaf just the opposite. Such genetic variation can help wild species adapt to local microclimates in a landscape as well as improve its chances for survival in times of climate change and other environmental disruptions. Other variations, such as the pink petals may just reflect random variation with no particular advantage/disadvantage.



Sun

Venus, Mercury W, Mars SSW at dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:09 AM	07:02 AM	07:46 PM	08:48 PM
Tuesday	06:07 AM	07:01 AM	07:47 PM	08:49 PM
Wednesday	06:05 AM	06:59 AM	07:48 PM	08:50 PM
Thursday	06:04 AM	06:58 AM	07:49 PM	08:51 PM
Friday	06:02 AM	06:56 AM	07:50 PM	08:52 PM
Saturday	06:00 AM	06:55 AM	07:51 PM	08:53 PM
Sunday	05:59 AM	06:53 AM	07:52 PM	08:54 PM

- § Migratory birds continue to return/pass through; many shorebirds are in the area as well as migrating sparrows, returning warblers and the melodious brown thrasher. There are lots of hawks and owls.
- § The invasive hybrid callery pear (a cross between the pear and Bradford pear species) is blooming white blossoms, and honeysuckle bushes are greening up in area woods. Both of these non-natives can and should be removed to the benefit of native species being crowded out by them. Other trees to watch for flowers: redbuds, wild plum, and crabapple. Elm, box elder and maple blooms will be transitioning into winged seeds.
- § Mercury is having its most visible appearance in the evening sky for the year for the next two weeks. It's usually too close to the sun to be visible. Look for a star low in the west between bright Venus and where the sun sets on the horizon.
- § Gooseberry leaves have emerged as have leaves of the invasive honeysuckle. Other native forbs whose leaves have surfaced include goldenrods, cinquefoil, stinging nettle, dutchman's breeches, rue anemone, cutleaf toothwort, waterleaf and May apple.
- § Prairie grasses are still dormant, although you can find a few early spring wildflowers if you look carefully. These include spring beauty, trout lily, verbena, pussytoes, prairie violet, hoary puccoon as well as rosettes of daisies, thistles, mullein and other greening sedges.