

Kaw Valley Almanac

May 22 - 28, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	08:03 AM	04:00 PM	11:57 PM	7%
Tuesday	08:59 AM	04:53 PM		13%
Wednesday	09:59 AM	05:42 PM	12:41 AM	20%
Thursday	11:00 AM	06:29 PM	01:18 AM	28%
Friday	12:01 PM	07:13 PM	01:49 AM	37%
Saturday	01:02 PM	07:55 PM	02:15 AM	1st Quarter
Sunday	02:02 PM	08:36 PM	02:38 AM	56%



The early blooming antelopehorn and spider milkweeds are similar in appearance and are blooming across the state right now. The large milkweed beetle, *Oncopeltus fasciatus*, is colorful for the same reason Monarch butterflies are: to warn potential predators that their milkweed diet makes them poisonous and not worth eating.



Sun

Venus, Mars SSW at dusk, Jupiter, Saturn ESE at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:00 AM	06:03 AM	08:32 PM	09:44 PM
Tuesday	04:59 AM	06:02 AM	08:33 PM	09:45 PM
Wednesday	04:58 AM	06:01 AM	08:34 PM	09:46 PM
Thursday	04:57 AM	06:01 AM	08:35 PM	09:47 PM
Friday	04:56 AM	06:00 AM	08:36 PM	09:48 PM
Saturday	04:56 AM	05:59 AM	08:36 PM	09:49 PM
Sunday	04:55 AM	05:59 AM	08:37 PM	09:50 PM

§ Blooming flower species are increasing, with a slower start than last year. Evening primrose, yarrow, prairie phlox, oxeye daisy, daisy fleabane, salsify, prairie rose, penstemon, and star-eyed grass are blooming, with more species on the way.

§ Birds are in the midst of nesting, egg setting and raising young, so if you go to any wooded area and sit for a while, you are likely to see a lot of action. the free BirdNet app is fun to use to identify the birds you can't see by recording their song, and the app will give you the most likely options as well as links to their photos and recordings of the calls.

§ Things are just as busy on the ground as this is the middle of birthing season for bats, muskrats, skunks, bobcats, woodchucks and beavers. Turtles continue to lay eggs, skinks and snakes are breeding, and be aware that chigger season is beginning.

§ Oaks and other trees have been shedding their male and female parts, leaving piles of dried out anthers, petals and buds as this year's acorns, nuts and fruit have started to grow, including the hairy beginnings of hedge apples on osage orange trees.

§ If you are in Lawrence on Tuesday, evening, consider going to a plant exchange at Sunshine Project, 15th and Learnard.

§ Listen for chattering chimney swifts at dusk and nighthawks downtown after dark, drawn chimneys and downtown lights