

Kaw Valley Almanac

July 10 - 16, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	01:02 AM	07:36 AM	02:22 PM	48%
Tuesday	01:28 AM	08:23 AM	03:30 PM	37%
Wednesday	01:56 AM	09:11 AM	04:37 PM	28%
Thursday	02:28 AM	10:01 AM	05:44 PM	19%
Friday	03:06 AM	10:53 AM	06:46 PM	12%
Saturday	03:51 AM	11:46 AM	07:44 PM	6%
Sunday	04:42 AM	12:39 PM	08:33 PM	2%



If you're a gardener and see this caterpillar chomping down your dill, by all means let it eat as much as it wants because it will mature into a beautiful swallowtail butterfly. Some gardeners plant dill just to attract them to lay their eggs. Photo courtesy Stephen Locke



Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:59 AM	06:04 AM	08:48 PM	10:01 PM
Tuesday	05:00 AM	06:05 AM	08:47 PM	10:01 PM
Wednesday	05:01 AM	06:05 AM	08:47 PM	10:00 PM
Thursday	05:02 AM	06:06 AM	08:46 PM	10:00 PM
Friday	05:03 AM	06:07 AM	08:46 PM	09:59 PM
Saturday	05:04 AM	06:07 AM	08:45 PM	09:58 PM
Sunday	05:05 AM	06:08 AM	08:45 PM	09:57 PM

§ Echinacea, butterfly milkweed, prairie clovers and leadplant are moving into seed formation stage, while gray coneflower, blackeyed susan, daisy fleabane, Culver's root, oxeye daisy, beebalm and slender mountain mint are still going strong. They are joined by new blossoms from the rattlesnakemaster, compassplant and a few gayfeathers; why not go out and see what else is blooming?

§ Some elderberries are ripening, as are sandhill plums, and it might not be too late for some gooseberries. big bluestem is sending up seedheads; look for the 3 or 4 part seedhead that is reminiscent of a turkey or other large bird footprint. Switchgrass and indiagrass are not far behind. Sideoats grama is also seeded out, and eastern gamagrass seeds have ripened.

§ Nighthawks are not just KU students partying at bars downtown; they are also the birds flying above every downtown in Kansas after dark this time of year. Listen for their distinctive "pee-eent" calls and subsequent steep dives, picking off insects attracted by the downtown lights.

§ Like to hang out in the back yard in the evenings or mornings after/before the peak heat hits, except that's exactly when the mosquitoes start bothering you? Instead of fogging your yard and killing all the bugs in your yard and STILL have mosquitoes, try making the inexpensive "mosquito bucket of doom" that consists of a bucket of water and grass/hay plus some BT tablets that kill mosquito larvae--details here: <https://sidewalknature.com/2022/05/08/mosquito-bucket-of-doom/>