

Kaw Valley Almanac

September 11 - 17, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	03:26 AM	11:01 AM	06:26 PM	13%
Tuesday	04:28 AM	11:46 AM	06:53 PM	7%
Wednesday	05:29 AM	12:28 PM	07:17 PM	3%
Thursday	06:28 AM	01:08 PM	07:38 PM	New Moon
Friday	07:28 AM	01:48 PM	07:59 PM	0%
Saturday	08:27 AM	02:28 PM	08:19 PM	1%
Sunday	09:28 AM	03:09 PM	08:41 PM	4%



These perennial goldenrods are in full bloom, adding to the profusion of yellow flowers visible this time of year. If you look closer, you'll also see 10 yellow goldenrod soldier beetles among the flowers.



Sun

Saturn rises E at dusk; Jupiter rises 10pm, Venus E at dawn.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:06 AM	06:58 AM	07:36 PM	08:38 PM
Tuesday	06:06 AM	06:59 AM	07:34 PM	08:36 PM
Wednesday	06:07 AM	07:00 AM	07:32 PM	08:34 PM
Thursday	06:08 AM	07:01 AM	07:31 PM	08:32 PM
Friday	06:09 AM	07:02 AM	07:29 PM	08:31 PM
Saturday	06:10 AM	07:03 AM	07:28 PM	08:29 PM
Sunday	06:11 AM	07:03 AM	07:26 PM	08:27 PM

§ It will be interesting to see if the cooler, rainier weather will revitalize some late summer flowers that have slowed in their blossoming from the dry weather of late. Look for increasing blossoms on dotted gayfeather, boneset, fall thistles, fall thistles, annual and perennial sunflowers, bidens, blue sage, snow on the mountain and the small, blue gentian.

§ Spiders, praying mantids, walking sticks, daddy longlegs and dragonflies are prolific right now, as are grasshoppers and tree frogs. If it's a dewy morning, see if you can find that perfect dew-laden spiderweb to photograph, or find a dragonfly lighting on cattails and other plants around water. Sedum flowers, blooming mint, along with the native bonesets are great draws for insects and butterflies.

§ Monarch caterpillars are not the only ones feeding on milkweeds; if you see a little black caterpillar with orange combed over hairs on its back and "tussocks" of black hair growing out on both ends, you are probably looking at the milkweed tiger moth caterpillar which is similarly protected from predation by the toxic compounds found in milkweeds, the cardiac glycosides.

§ Look for insect galls on hackberry, oak and elm leaves now, and on goldenrods, look on the stems for the large bumps of the goldenrod gall. The goldenrod gall fly spends its entire life on goldenrods, laying eggs in the stem in the spring, hatching and eating the plant as a larva all summer, with the plant growing the gall in response, which protects the larva over the winter, emerging in the spring as a fly to begin the cycle over.