Kaw Valley Almanac

September 25 - October 1, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	05:29 PM	10:26 PM	02:13 AM	77%
Tuesday	06:04 PM	11:22 PM	03:32 AM	86%
Wednesday	06:34 PM		04:50 AM	93%
Thursday	07:01 PM	12:15 AM	06:07 AM	98%
Friday	07:27 PM	01:06 AM	07:23 AM	Full Moon
Saturday	07:55 PM		08:37 AM	99%
Sunday	08:24 PM	02:47 AM	09:52 AM	95%



Some people get confused between poison ivy and virginia creeper this time of year because their leaves both turn red, and some of the 5 leaves may fall off the virginia creeper, leaving only 3. But virginia creeper has blue berries, while poison ivy's are white.



Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:19 AM	07:11 AM	07:13 PM	08:14 PM
Tuesday	06:20 AM	07:12 AM	07:11 PM	08:13 PM
Wednesday	06:21 AM	07:12 AM	07:10 PM	08:11 PM
Thursday	06:22 AM	07:13 AM	07:08 PM	08:09 PM
Friday	06:23 AM	07:14 AM	07:07 PM	08:08 PM
Saturday	06:24 AM	07:15 AM	07:05 PM	08:06 PM
Sunday	06:25 AM	07:16 AM	07:04 PM	08:05 PM

- Asters are becoming more and more prolific; now is a good time to sort out the various species of these little late summer/ autumnal flowers, whose name in latin means "star." Other species of flowers still blooming away include the bonesets, the goldenrods, the euphorbias and the sunflowers, with each group having multiple species to sort out as well, joined by azure sage, spiranthes and gentian.
- Look for seagulls to return to the area, blackbirds are gathering on power lines and in wetlands, fall warblers are beginning to pass through, and begin to look for "kettles" of turkey vultures who may be drifting south through the area, on their way to points as far away as Venezuela.
- If you were fortunate to receive rain recently, expect more singing insects, toads and frogs at night as the moon waxes toward full; see how many you can identify by their songs. During the day, now is a great time to spot praying mantises, grasshoppers, dragonflies and darners, all who feed on the profusion of bugs, as do the many, many spiders right now.
- Wonder what box turtles are doing this time of year? Come hear Ben Reed, turtle specialist from Washburn University talk thanks to the Jayhawk Audubon Society zoom presentation on Monday night at 7pm.
- Want to go on a free walk led by Ken Lassman at the Prairie Park Nature Center prairie? Show up there at 9:30am on Saturday and see the flowers and grasses of fall.