

Kaw Valley Almanac

October 16 - 22, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	09:27 AM	02:37 PM	07:38 PM	2%
Tuesday	10:35 AM	03:27 PM	08:12 PM	6%
Wednesday	11:44 AM	04:21 PM	08:54 PM	12%
Thursday	12:50 PM	05:19 PM	09:46 PM	20%
Friday	01:51 PM	06:19 PM	10:49 PM	30%
Saturday	02:44 PM	07:19 PM	11:59 PM	1st Quarter
Sunday	03:27 PM	08:17 PM		51%



Photo courtesy Stephen Locke

Just as trees and other perennial plants go dormant in the winter, maintaining their lives underground until spring. The [sphinx moth](#) caterpillar that transforms into a moth in two weeks time in the summer will persist as a pupa underground all winter long, emerging as a moth in the spring. Note that the pupa has a little "handle" on it, that later transforms into the long, nectar-seeking proboscis when it is a moth.



Sun

Jupiter rises E, Saturn SE at dusk; Venus E at dawn.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:39 AM	07:31 AM	06:41 PM	07:42 PM
Tuesday	06:40 AM	07:32 AM	06:40 PM	07:41 PM
Wednesday	06:41 AM	07:33 AM	06:38 PM	07:40 PM
Thursday	06:42 AM	07:34 AM	06:37 PM	07:38 PM
Friday	06:43 AM	07:35 AM	06:35 PM	07:37 PM
Saturday	06:43 AM	07:36 AM	06:34 PM	07:36 PM
Sunday	06:44 AM	07:37 AM	06:33 PM	07:34 PM

- § Even though the drought continues, leaves on trees and native grasses will continue to turn color this week, albeit in a somewhat muted fashion compared to wetter years. This coming weekend is the Maple Leaf Festival in Baldwin City.
- § It's also a perfect time to go look for the last blooms of the season, which will be mostly asters, some lingering members of the sunflower tribe and maybe a gentian or goldenrod. While it's dry, it's also a great time to collect wildflower and grass seeds, which can be spread out this fall/winter in areas where you want them to grow next year.
- § Just as trees and grasses turn colors, so do many types of grasshoppers. Many of them are deepening in ruddy colors to match the changing colors around them. Take a picture of one and see if you can identify them.
- § This time of the bird year is a good time to spot fall warblers, pine siskins, thrushes, yellow bellied sapsuckers along with lots of different sparrows. Start looking for the arrival of juncos. Ducks of many stripes continue to be present, as are seagulls and blackbird flocks, and migrating "kettles" of turkey vultures. Spot an occasional eagle among the raptors, too.
- § Speaking of raptors, Lucas Decicco will be reporting to Jayhawk Audubon next Monday, Oct. 25 on the Red-Tailed Hawk Project at 7pm at the Lawrence Carnegie building at 9th and Vermont/on zoom. He will discuss what tracking these complex and diverse "species" across the Great Plains is revealing.