

Kaw Valley Almanac

November 13 - 19, 2023

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	07:22 AM	12:20 PM	05:12 PM	New Moon
Tuesday	08:32 AM	01:14 PM	05:51 PM	1%
Wednesday	09:41 AM	02:12 PM	06:41 PM	4%
Thursday	10:45 AM	03:13 PM	07:41 PM	9%
Friday	11:41 AM	04:14 PM	08:50 PM	17%
Saturday	12:27 PM	05:12 PM	10:04 PM	26%
Sunday	01:05 PM	06:07 PM	11:19 PM	36%



"Blackbird" flocks can be seen any time of day this time of year: sometimes as winding, thin snakes flying by taking half an hour or more to go by, sometimes thickly lining power lines or the tops of several trees, or tight blobs of shape shifting flocks called "murmurations" like this one at the most common time to spot them around dusk. It's not uncommon to spot multiple species in such flocks, such as redwinged blackbirds, grackles, European starlings, cowbirds and rusty blackbirds.



Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:06 AM	07:01 AM	05:09 PM	06:12 PM
Tuesday	06:07 AM	07:02 AM	05:08 PM	06:12 PM
Wednesday	06:08 AM	07:03 AM	05:07 PM	06:11 PM
Thursday	06:09 AM	07:04 AM	05:06 PM	06:10 PM
Friday	06:10 AM	07:05 AM	05:06 PM	06:10 PM
Saturday	06:11 AM	07:06 AM	05:05 PM	06:09 PM
Sunday	06:12 AM	07:07 AM	05:04 PM	06:09 PM

§ If you take a walk in coming weeks, if you see some fluff floating by in the wind, chances are good that they are from a milkweed spreading its seeds in the wind. Many insects and butterflies depend on this native plant, and with milkweed numbers down from habitat fragmentation and agricultural practices, so it is good to have these sprout wherever they land so that, for instance, migratory monarchs can make their multi-year migration to Mexico and back.

§ With deer rutting/mating season in full swing, this week is typically the peak car-deer accident season as well. No matter what county you live in, chances are good that several of these will happen every day this week, so be careful while driving, especially right after sunset and right before dawn.

§ Asian ladybugs favor clustering in groups on the south side of tan and other light colored houses because they evolved to overwinter on limestone cliffs in their native China.

§ Honeysuckle is an invasive shrub that can overrun native vegetation in area woodlands. It has bright red berries this time of year and is eaten and spread by overwintering birds. Now is a good time to cut out the berry-laden shrubs before the birds spread the seed--and put out a bird feeder as an alternative!.

§ Here are events to put on your calendar for coming weeks:

-Sat. Nov. 18: [Suet and native seed workshop](#) 2-5pm

-Sat. Nov. 25: free walk at Prairie Park Nature center 2-3:30pm

-Sat. Dec. 9: [Native Ecosystems Trivia Night Fundraiser](#) for Native Lands Restoration Collaborative, 4-7pm