

Kaw Valley Almanac

April 15 - 21, 2024

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	12:03 PM	07:52 PM	02:53 AM	1st Quarter
Tuesday	01:07 PM	08:41 PM	03:33 AM	59%
Wednesday	02:10 PM	09:25 PM	04:04 AM	68%
Thursday	03:11 PM	10:07 PM	04:31 AM	77%
Friday	04:10 PM	10:47 PM	04:53 AM	84%
Saturday	05:08 PM	11:26 PM	05:14 AM	90%
Sunday	06:07 PM		05:34 AM	95%



Hoary puccoon is a sunny, yellow flower found on area prairies, emerging amongst last year's still mostly dormant grasses in order to capture the light, bloom and go to seed before the warm season grasses green up and shade out the ground. Other early spring wildflowers currently blooming are prairie violets, yellow lousewort, the white, yellow and blue eyed grass, and spring beauties.



Sun

Jupiter, low west at dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:48 AM	06:43 AM	07:58 PM	09:02 PM
Tuesday	05:46 AM	06:42 AM	07:59 PM	09:03 PM
Wednesday	05:45 AM	06:40 AM	08:00 PM	09:04 PM
Thursday	05:43 AM	06:39 AM	08:01 PM	09:05 PM
Friday	05:41 AM	06:37 AM	08:02 PM	09:06 PM
Saturday	05:40 AM	06:36 AM	08:03 PM	09:07 PM
Sunday	05:38 AM	06:35 AM	08:04 PM	09:09 PM

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§ The male catkins on cottonwoods have dropped and new leaves are unfurling. They begin almost reddish and delicate, pumping full and turning green and twisting in the wind in short order, becoming the "talking leaves" that sound in the wind like a babbling brook all summer long.

§ Many songbirds have returned and are laying eggs and wild turkeys have begun to sit on eggs. Some say it is not too early to put out your hummingbird feeders. Whippoorwills will soon arrive with their nighttime songs.

§ If we get rain, this might be a good week to look for morels and continued woodland wildflowers. If we don't, the greening woods will make it difficult to find edible spring mushrooms that might emerge with later rains.

§ It is always interesting to poke around a burned prairie: the dark ground and heat will almost immediately sprout new growth in grasses and forbs, but before they grow much, some common things you can find include snail shells, animal bones, rodent trails and mounds/holes in the soil, maybe an antler or two, some interesting rocks or even an arrowhead/flint flakes and other rocks.

§ Next Saturday and Sunday are full of nature walks, Earth Day activities, and more. Check the Lawrence Bird Alliance calendar or other groups in your area for more info.