

Kaw Valley Almanac

April 8 - 14, 2024

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| Day | Moon rises | South | Moon sets | % Illum/Phase |
|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| Monday | 06:49 AM | 01:22 PM | 08:07 PM | New Moon |
| Tuesday | 07:17 AM | 02:14 PM | 09:25 PM | 1% |
| Wednesday | 07:49 AM | 03:09 PM | 10:42 PM | 6% |
| Thursday | 08:26 AM | 04:06 PM | 11:57 PM | 12% |
| Friday | 09:10 AM | 05:05 PM | | 20% |
| Saturday | 10:02 AM | 06:03 PM | 01:05 AM | 29% |
| Sunday | 11:00 AM | 06:59 PM | 02:05 AM | 39% |



This is the season for spring woodland wildflowers, who emerge, bloom, and finish before the native woodland oaks and hickories leaf out, blocking the sun. Here is a rue anemone, one slightly pink due to genetic variation. Rue anemone has as many as 7 petals and lightly lobed leaves, while false rue anemone have only 5 petals and more deeply lobed leaves. See if you can find both!



Sun

Jupiter, low west at dusk

| Day | Gets light | Sunrise | Sunset | Gets dark |
|-----------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Monday | 05:59 AM | 06:53 AM | 07:52 PM | 08:54 PM |
| Tuesday | 05:58 AM | 06:52 AM | 07:53 PM | 08:55 PM |
| Wednesday | 05:56 AM | 06:50 AM | 07:53 PM | 08:56 PM |
| Thursday | 05:54 AM | 06:49 AM | 07:54 PM | 08:57 PM |
| Friday | 05:53 AM | 06:47 AM | 07:55 PM | 08:58 PM |
| Saturday | 05:51 AM | 06:46 AM | 07:56 PM | 08:59 PM |
| Sunday | 05:49 AM | 06:45 AM | 07:57 PM | 09:01 PM |

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§ Besides rue anemone, other woodland (and occasionally native prairies, other "spring ephemeral" flowers include dutchman's breeches, trout lily, cutleaf toothwort, spring beauty, woodland phlox and yellow/blue woodland (or prairie) violets. Buckeye buds should be opening as are papaws, while buckbrush and gooseberry leaves are emerging. Some morels have been spotted in the area, depending on the rain; check yourself over for ticks after any foray into the woods!

§ Because there are not a lot of blooms right now, pick a butterfly-friendly plant like verbena, some blooming shrubs like viburnum or a flowering wild plum or wild cherry tree, and you shouldn't have to wait too long to see a bee, butterfly or fly come and drink some nectar. Cottonwood leaf buds will be opening any time, and see while you watch redbud flowers to see what they attract, pick a few of those edible flowers to sprinkle on your salad. On the prairie, in addition to the verbena, look for hoary puccons and pussytoes.

§ Migratory bats should be showing up; it's mating season for moles, pocket gophers skunks and woodchucks, while squirrels and foxes are bearing young. Many snakes are out, chorus frogs continue to sing, I've seen quite a few grasshoppers already this year, and turkey vultures are all around northeast Kansas, looking for cleaning up those critters who passed away.