

Kaw Valley Almanac

May 20 - 26, 2024

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	05:57 PM	11:24 PM	04:19 AM	92%
Tuesday	07:01 PM		04:43 AM	97%
Wednesday	08:07 PM	12:09 AM	05:10 AM	99%
Thursday	09:14 PM	12:58 AM	05:43 AM	Full Moon
Friday	10:19 PM	01:51 AM	06:23 AM	99%
Saturday	11:19 PM	02:47 AM	07:14 AM	95%
Sunday		03:46 AM	08:15 AM	89%



If you walk around a hackberry tree these days, listen and you will hear what sounds like a very light rain of sand dropping onto the leaves/ground. It's poop from the hackberry butterfly caterpillar, which can be found on the underside of leaves, munching away, to transform into hordes of hackberry butterflies the end of May/early June this year. They don't harm the trees, even with their appetite!



Sun

Mars, Saturn low east/southeast before dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:01 AM	06:03 AM	08:31 PM	09:42 PM
Tuesday	05:00 AM	06:03 AM	08:32 PM	09:43 PM
Wednesday	04:59 AM	06:02 AM	08:33 PM	09:44 PM
Thursday	04:58 AM	06:01 AM	08:34 PM	09:45 PM
Friday	04:57 AM	06:01 AM	08:35 PM	09:46 PM
Saturday	04:56 AM	06:00 AM	08:35 PM	09:47 PM
Sunday	04:56 AM	06:00 AM	08:36 PM	09:48 PM

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§ Oxeye daisy has naturalized into most area prairies and attract many pollinators during their long blossoming period. The smaller daisy fleabane has started to bloom as well, as has salsify, dutch white clover and red clover, white and blue wild indigo, antelopehorn milkweed, evening primrose, prairie phlox, blackberry, yarrow, oxalis, penstemon, spiderwort, prairie violet, wild four-o'clock and star-eyed grass.

§ The cottonwood dominated Kaw floodplain forest is currently full of up to 60 bird species this time of year and the Wakarusa wetlands can host even more types of birds than that. Identify the birds in your neighborhood by sight and song, and nighthawks have returned to downtowns. Cottonwoods have begun producing their fluffy seeds.

§ Bluegrasses and fescue have shot up seedheads and brome, the grass in most hay fields has begun to pollinate, so the coming weeks will mean runny noses for allergy sufferers. Spittlebugs continue to make their bubbled homes on grass and flower stems, with the bug buried deep inside.

§ With recent rains, expect an increase in fruiting mushrooms; frogs and toads will also benefit and this is the middle of birthing season for bats, muskrats, skunks, bobcats, woodchucks and beavers. Turtles are laying eggs, skinks and snakes are breeding, and chigger season has begun.