

Kaw Valley Almanac

August 26 - September 1, 2024

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday		07:09 AM	03:01 PM	3rd Quarter
Tuesday	12:10 AM	08:07 AM	04:08 PM	36%
Wednesday	01:02 AM	09:04 AM	05:06 PM	26%
Thursday	02:02 AM	10:01 AM	05:54 PM	18%
Friday	03:06 AM	10:54 AM	06:33 PM	11%
Saturday	04:11 AM	11:43 AM	07:04 PM	5%
Sunday	05:15 AM	12:28 PM	07:30 PM	2%



There are many species of goldenrod in Kansas, and all of them are godsend for the many bees, beetles, butterflies and other insect pollinators who visit their copious blossoms. Check out the many species blooming thru next month across the state.



Sun

Jupiter, Mars SE, Saturn S at dawn, Venus low W at dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:50 AM	06:45 AM	07:59 PM	09:03 PM
Tuesday	05:51 AM	06:45 AM	07:58 PM	09:01 PM
Wednesday	05:52 AM	06:46 AM	07:56 PM	09:00 PM
Thursday	05:53 AM	06:47 AM	07:55 PM	08:58 PM
Friday	05:54 AM	06:48 AM	07:53 PM	08:56 PM
Saturday	05:55 AM	06:49 AM	07:52 PM	08:55 PM
Sunday	05:56 AM	06:50 AM	07:50 PM	08:53 PM

Live outside the Lawrence area? Get rise and setting times, moon data where you live at: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

§ Western ragweed is producing flower seedheads and its taller cousin, giant ragweed, are beginning to produce pollen and it will only get worse in coming weeks, resulting in many runny noses and itchy eyes. Don't blame goldenrods!

§ Look out for walnuts dropping, their green husks turning brown and drying out after that. Hedge apples are growing right on track, as are acorns, and check sycamores for seed balls.

§ The beautiful blue blossoms of Pitcher's Sage and the gentians are worth going to area prairies to see. Other wildflowers blooming now are boneset, various goldenrods and fall thistles, swamp milkweed, slender mountain mint euphorbia corollata, snow-on-the-mountain, and many sunflower species,

§ Have you noticed Monarch butterflies flying across the east-west roads, going north to south yet? These and other butterflies can be found as adults, caterpillars and chrysalises-- look on butterfly-friendly plants for any of these stages.

§ More and more blackbirds are gathering on telephone/power lines, getting ready to migrate in their amoeba-like flocks. It's so fun to watch the flocks rise and fall unpredictably but quite beautifully: see if you can take a video as the flocks get bigger and bigger.

§ If you are in the Lawrence area, help remove invasive plant species in the Prairie Park Nature Center this Friday at 5pm.