

Kaw Valley Almanac

September 2 - 8, 2024

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	06:17 AM	01:11 PM	07:53 PM	New Moon
Tuesday	07:17 AM	01:51 PM	08:14 PM	0%
Wednesday	08:16 AM	02:30 PM	08:33 PM	2%
Thursday	09:14 AM	03:08 PM	08:53 PM	6%
Friday	10:13 AM	03:48 PM	09:14 PM	12%
Saturday	11:13 AM	04:30 PM	09:38 PM	18%
Sunday	12:15 PM	05:14 PM	10:06 PM	26%



Here are Jerusalem artichoke blooms, from green flower buds to fully open, pollinated by a sweat bee amongst its disk flowers. It's easy to see a variety of butterflies, bees, beetles, spiders and others feeding/being eaten at any sunflower species this time of year: check it out! You can also dig the edible tuber, which needs either to be pickled or cut into 1/4" thick slices and boiled in lemon juice for 15 minutes if you want to avoid something that rhymes with tarts!



Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:57 AM	06:51 AM	07:48 PM	08:51 PM
Tuesday	05:58 AM	06:52 AM	07:47 PM	08:50 PM
Wednesday	05:59 AM	06:53 AM	07:45 PM	08:48 PM
Thursday	06:00 AM	06:53 AM	07:44 PM	08:46 PM
Friday	06:01 AM	06:54 AM	07:42 PM	08:45 PM
Saturday	06:02 AM	06:55 AM	07:41 PM	08:43 PM
Sunday	06:03 AM	06:56 AM	07:39 PM	08:41 PM

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§ Prairie wildflowers currently blooming include ashy and stiff sunflowers, mare's tail, goldenrods, sweet coneflower, boneset, ragweed, russian thistle, Pitcher's/blue sage and euphorbia corollata. Seeds are forming on rattlesnakemaster, water hemlock, showy partridge pea and culver's root. Purple clusters of poke berries hang from poke plants, while start to keep an eye for ripening wild grapes. Look for white snow-on-the-mountains, too, and the invasive sericea lespedeza is blooming.

§ Indiangrass is pollinating, while big bluestem and switchgrass is a little further along, and sideoats grama, eastern gamagrass bluegrass, Canada wild rye and sloughgrass have ripe seeds.

§ The Wakarusa wetlands are being dominated by clusters of tickseed sunflowers (*Bidens aristosa*), painting the fields with bright yellow swatches of color. Ragweeds and marsh elder continue to make windblown allergy sufferers miserable.

§ This is the peak of activities for most of the Orthoptera family of insects. This includes grasshoppers, crickets, katydids, praying matids and walking sticks.

§ Grassland Heritage Foudation is having a native plant sale Thursday 4:30-6pm at Cottin's in Lawrence, while you have another chance to help remove invasive plant species in the Prairie Park Nature Center on Tuesday at 5pm. Haskell wetlands also has a [work day](#) on Friday, 4-6pm--hope to see you there!