

# Kaw Valley Almanac

September 9 - 15, 2024

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	01:19 PM	06:02 PM	10:40 PM	35%
Tuesday	02:23 PM	06:54 PM	11:23 PM	45%
Wednesday	03:25 PM	07:50 PM		1st Quarter
Thursday	04:21 PM	08:48 PM	12:15 AM	65%
Friday	05:10 PM	09:47 PM	01:18 AM	75%
Saturday	05:51 PM	10:44 PM	02:29 AM	84%
Sunday	06:26 PM	11:39 PM	03:45 AM	92%



Over 90% of Kansas is in abnormally dry-to-severe drought right now, but prairie plant roots go deep and have developed strategies to survive, even thrive in dry late summer Kansas, as is evidenced by this field where imported cool season brome has gone dormant while sunflowers, goldenrods and blue sage are thriving.



## Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:04 AM	06:57 AM	07:37 PM	08:40 PM
Tuesday	06:05 AM	06:58 AM	07:36 PM	08:38 PM
Wednesday	06:06 AM	06:59 AM	07:34 PM	08:36 PM
Thursday	06:07 AM	07:00 AM	07:33 PM	08:35 PM
Friday	06:08 AM	07:01 AM	07:31 PM	08:33 PM
Saturday	06:09 AM	07:01 AM	07:30 PM	08:31 PM
Sunday	06:10 AM	07:02 AM	07:28 PM	08:30 PM

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§ Stiff goldenrod is beginning to join the other goldenrods blooming--look for yellow goldenrod soldier beetles on the blossoms. Many others are blooming including the sunflowers, bidens, sweet coneflower, boneset, ragweed, Pitcher's/blue sage, gentian, euphorbia corollata. and asters have started to open. Bees, beetles, butterflies and aphids are reaping the bounty, as are their predators.

§ Monarch butterflies are migrating south, but you can still find an occasional caterpillar. Monarch caterpillars are not the only ones feeding on milkweeds; if you see a little black caterpillar with orange combed over hairs on its back and "tussocks" of black hair growing out on both ends, you are probably looking at the milkweed tiger moth caterpillar which is similarly protected from predation by the toxic compounds found in milkweeds, the cardiac glycosides.

§ 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.

§ We lose another 16 minutes of daylight this week as we rush toward the autumnal equinox next week.

§ On Sat. 1-3pm is the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Prairie Park Nature Center ([click here for info](#)). On Sun. 11am-1:30pm is a Native Plant Sale for Native Lands Restoration Collaborative @ East Lawrence Rec Center ([click here for info](#))