

Kaw Valley Almanac

February 3 - 9, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	11:11 AM	06:01 PM		27%
Tuesday	11:40 AM	06:52 PM	01:03 AM	37%
Wednesday	12:13 PM	07:47 PM	02:18 AM	1 st Quarter
Thursday	12:54 PM	08:45 PM	03:32 AM	60%
Friday	01:44 PM	09:45 PM	04:44 AM	71%
Saturday	02:43 PM	10:45 PM	05:49 AM	80%
Sunday	03:48 PM	11:42 PM	06:43 AM	88%



Geese line up with the waxing moon last month. Migratory waterfowl are the major vector for avian flu, and this winter, KDWP internal database has reported over 18,000 wild birds suspected as having the disease. Learn more about what to look for and report possible cases at

<https://ksoutdoors.com/Hunting/Migratory-Birds/Avian-Influenza-Bird-Flu>



Sun

Venus W, Saturn SW, Jupiter SE, Mars E after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:26 AM	07:24 AM	05:45 PM	06:43 PM
Tuesday	06:25 AM	07:24 AM	05:46 PM	06:44 PM
Wednesday	06:24 AM	07:23 AM	05:47 PM	06:46 PM
Thursday	06:23 AM	07:21 AM	05:48 PM	06:47 PM
Friday	06:22 AM	07:20 AM	05:49 PM	06:48 PM
Saturday	06:21 AM	07:19 AM	05:50 PM	06:49 PM
Sunday	06:20 AM	07:18 AM	05:52 PM	06:50 PM

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

§ We add 13 minutes of daylight this week alone and the gains will be even greater next week, which is why the Osage called February the Light of Day Returns Moon. Nature begins to respond to the increased light in the following ways: tree cavity dwelling birds are beginning to leave multi-species winter flocks to stake out their territories, small mammals are beginning their mating season, green stink bugs can be seen looking for food on warmer days, spider gossamer shows up on leafless twigs as they start wandering, dogwood twigs turn reddish and willows turn yellowish as their sap rises, and look for buds on the tops of elms and maples begin to swell, even bloom.

§ In the wetlands along the Wakarusa south of Lawrence as well as other wetlands across the state, now is a great time to see many species of birds including pelicans, ducks, hawks, eagles, gulls, doves, owls, kingfishers, woodpeckers, crows, meadowlarks, and winter songbirds.

§ If you have ever had questions on how to use phone apps for bird identification, you might want to check out the free workshop "Connecting with Nature: E-Birding Apps" at the Lawrence Public Library, Monday 6-7pm, with a follow-up hands-on session in the field on March 1--stay tuned!

§ Speaking of the Lawrence Public Library, the opening of the fee Seed Library is on Sunday 11-12:30pm, with many organizations there to share and answer your questions!