

Kaw Valley Almanac

March 24 - 30, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	05:42 AM	10:22 AM	03:07 PM	33%
Tuesday	06:19 AM	11:15 AM	04:20 PM	23%
Wednesday	06:50 AM	12:07 PM	05:34 PM	14%
Thursday	07:18 AM	12:58 PM	06:49 PM	7%
Friday	07:45 AM	01:48 PM	08:05 PM	2%
Saturday	08:11 AM	02:39 PM	09:22 PM	New Moon
Sunday	08:39 AM	03:33 PM	10:40 PM	1%



A wave of pink, red and even white redbud blossoms is sweeping south to north across Kansas right now. Both the flowers and the seed pods look a lot like those found on garden peas, as both plants belong to the nitrogen fixing family of plants called legumes. While the redbud seeds are inedible due to their hardness, both the flowers and early green pods are quite edible and delicious. Flowers, besides adding color to a salad or stir fry, are very high in vitamin C and anti-oxidants.



Sun

Jupiter SW, Mars S after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:24 AM	06:17 AM	06:37 PM	07:38 PM
Tuesday	05:23 AM	06:15 AM	06:38 PM	07:39 PM
Wednesday	05:21 AM	06:14 AM	06:39 PM	07:40 PM
Thursday	05:19 AM	06:12 AM	06:40 PM	07:41 PM
Friday	05:18 AM	06:11 AM	06:41 PM	07:42 PM
Saturday	05:16 AM	06:09 AM	06:42 PM	07:43 PM
Sunday	05:14 AM	06:08 AM	06:43 PM	07:44 PM

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§ It's time to start planning trips to native oak-hickory woodlands to enjoy the "spring ephemerals," the early spring

woodland wildflowers that emerge, bloom and finish up before the canopy of trees leaf out and create too much shade. Around here, that includes dutchman's breeches, rue anemone and false rue anemone, spring beauty, woodland violets, cutleaf toothwort and trout lily, all worth the trip to see! You can also see violets, spring beauties, verbena and others emerging on tracts of tallgrass prairie, once again doing their business before the tallgrasses green up.

§ Our dry, windy spring has been keeping spring in check some, which should change with the first real rains. Spiders, moths, ladybugs, and box elder beetles will increase their activities, western chorus frogs will continue to sing in wet areas, wood rats, squirrels, foxes and muskrats are bearing young around now. Migratory bats should be showing up; it's mating season for moles, pocket gophers and skunks.

§ Look for blooming elm and maple trees to begin to turn light green: this is not due to emerging leaves. The blossoms are turning into seeds, which will ripen and begin to fall as circular elm samara and maple "helicopters" carried by the wind and thrown into the air by kids of all ages.

§ ["Native Gardening for Birds"](#) 7pm Monday in person/Zoom