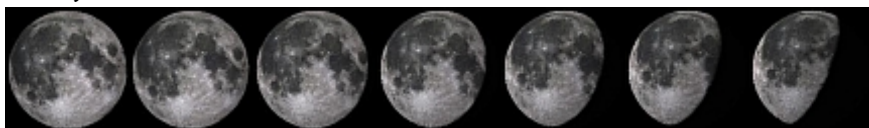


Kaw Valley Almanac

May 12 - 18, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	08:53 PM	12:52 AM	05:46 AM	Full Moon
Tuesday	09:55 PM	01:38 AM	06:19 AM	100%
Wednesday	10:54 PM	02:28 AM	06:58 AM	98%
Thursday	11:48 PM	03:20 AM	07:45 AM	94%
Friday		04:14 AM	08:41 AM	89%
Saturday	12:36 AM	05:08 AM	09:44 AM	82%
Sunday	01:15 AM	06:00 AM	10:51 AM	74%



Prairie phlox blossoms have just emerged in this prairie, with another flower head ready to bloom in the upper left hand corner. Notice the darker red markings around the corolla in the center, guiding and allowing long tongued butterflies to reach the nectar and get coated with pollen in the process.



Sun

Saturn, Venus E at dawn, Jupiter W, Mars SW after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:09 AM	06:10 AM	08:24 PM	09:33 PM
Tuesday	05:08 AM	06:09 AM	08:25 PM	09:34 PM
Wednesday	05:07 AM	06:08 AM	08:26 PM	09:35 PM
Thursday	05:06 AM	06:07 AM	08:27 PM	09:37 PM
Friday	05:05 AM	06:07 AM	08:28 PM	09:38 PM
Saturday	05:04 AM	06:06 AM	08:29 PM	09:39 PM
Sunday	05:03 AM	06:05 AM	08:29 PM	09:40 PM

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

§ It's going to be a perfect week to watch more and more prairie wildflowers emerge, including opening spiderworts, white and blue wild indigo, a few daisy fleabanes, and salsify, while echinacea is starting to develop its flower head and milkweeds and dogbane is getting taller. Prairie hyacinth, wood betony and creamy wild indigo are moving into growing their seeds.

§ Bird songs galore fills the air, so it continues to be the perfect time to identify newly arriving birds using a recording app that identifies birds by their song, in addition to their many colors, which are also peaking right now.

§ If you see a cottontail rabbit this time of year, chances are that there is a nest of baby rabbits somewhere nearby. Most mammals are raising young right now whether they are herbivores, omnivores or carnivores. Deer road kills increase in May and June due to does going out foraging to keep producing milk for their fawns.

§ Bluegrass and most sedges have produced seed heads, with brome and fescue not far behind. Soon these cool season grasses will begin pollinating, creating itchy eyes and runny noses for those with pollen allergies.

§ Invasive honeysuckle has wonderfully fragrant flowers that are a joy to smell, but they'll take over a woods in short order. Use the aroma to cut and spray the stumps or pull them up.