Kaw Valley Almanac

September 8 - 14, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	08:11 PM	01:43 AM	07:52 AM	100%
Tuesday	08:37 PM	02:32 AM	09:06 AM	97%
Wednesday	09:06 PM	03:22 AM	10:21 AM	92%
Thursday	09:40 PM	04:15 AM	11:38 AM	84%
Friday	10:21 PM	05:11 AM	12:55 PM	75%
Saturday	11:11 PM	06:11 AM	02:10 PM	64%
Sunday		07:13 AM	03:17 PM	3rd Quarter





Last week featured the yellow Pearly crescent butterfly on a sweet coneflower; this week it's a pair of yellow soldier beetles mating, with a nearby yellow cucumber beetle, all on the blossoms of a sawtooth sunflower. Go find some sunflowers and see who you find blending in to the yellow colors!



Sun								
Saturn	rises	E at	dusk,	Venus,	Jupiter	east	at	dawn

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Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark			
Monday	05:33 AM	06:31 AM	08:20 PM	09:27 PM			
Tuesday	05:34 AM	06:32 AM	08:19 PM	09:26 PM			
Wednesday	05:35 AM	06:32 AM	08:18 PM	09:24 PM			
Thursday	05:36 AM	06:33 AM	08:16 PM	09:23 PM			
Friday	05:37 AM	06:34 AM	08:15 PM	09:21 PM			
Saturday	05:39 AM	06:35 AM	08:14 PM	09:20 PM			
Sunday	05:40 AM	06:36 AM	08:12 PM	09:18 PM			
Live outside the Lawrence area? Get rise and setting times, moon							
data where you live at: https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/							

- Wetlands are becoming dominated by clusters of tickseed sunflowers (Bidens aristosa), painting the fields with bright yellow swatches of color, joining perennial and annual sunflower species. Pollinating ragweeds and marsh elder continue to make windblown pollen allergy sufferers miserable.
 - Look for increasing numbers of daddy longlegs and box elder beetles, the ones with bright red markings, who are gathering in groups on sunny days.
- Ever wonder how orb weaving spiders string webs across wide gaps? They use the wind, which carries them as they dangle from gossamer pulled from the spider's spinnerets. Once this is secured, the spider adds more strands and builds the orb from these anchor points. Now is the perfect time to spot and watch spiders in action, or to photograph a dew-laden web in the cooler mornings.
 - Goldenrods are really starting to shine, while many local prairies are showing off blue sage, purple fall thistles, white boneset, false boneset and euphorbia and look for beautiful blue gentians low in the grasses.
- This is the time of year to find walking sticks, who are vegetarians. The female lays eggs that have edible appendages that ants love to eat, so the ants take the eggs underground, leaving the uneaten egg to develop undisturbed.