

Kaw Valley Almanac

September 29 - October 5, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	02:52 PM	07:17 PM	11:45 PM	1st Quarter
Tuesday	03:38 PM	08:10 PM		52%
Wednesday	04:16 PM	09:02 PM	12:48 AM	62%
Thursday	04:50 PM	09:53 PM	01:55 AM	72%
Friday	05:19 PM	10:42 PM	03:05 AM	81%
Saturday	05:45 PM	11:31 PM	04:16 AM	88%
Sunday	06:10 PM		05:28 AM	95%



I count 10 pollinators on this stiff goldenrod flower on a recent fall afternoon, including goldenrod soldier beetles (many mating), dark flower scarab beetle, and a beautiful moth. Check out blooming asters, sunflowers, gentians and other flowers to see the frantic activities of a wide number of pollinators!



Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:23 AM	07:15 AM	07:06 PM	08:07 PM
Tuesday	06:24 AM	07:16 AM	07:04 PM	08:05 PM
Wednesday	06:25 AM	07:17 AM	07:03 PM	08:04 PM
Thursday	06:26 AM	07:18 AM	07:01 PM	08:02 PM
Friday	06:27 AM	07:19 AM	07:00 PM	08:01 PM
Saturday	06:28 AM	07:20 AM	06:58 PM	07:59 PM
Sunday	06:29 AM	07:20 AM	06:56 PM	07:58 PM

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§ Fall migration for birds is picking up, with over 14 million birds predicted to pass over Kansas on Sunday, Sept. 28 alone, and millions more this week due to light winds, even if they are from the south. Migratory sparrows, warblers, herons, nighthawks, and a host of other birds are now passing thru, mostly after dark. See if you notice migratory "kettles" of turkey vultures still heading south during the day. Check out the blackbird/grackle flocks around dawn and dusk, too.

§ This is a good time to identify the many species of grasshoppers and crickets, and our tree frogs are pretty beautiful too: did you know gray tree frogs can turn green?

§ The woods are full of orb weaving spiders this time of year; you can identify these amazing web builders using Hank Guarisco's [Pocket Guide to Common Kansas Spiders](#), a free download from the Great Plains Nature Center, also available as a booklet.

§ This time of year is a great time to collect many desirable prairie plant seeds, including rabbits foot lespedeza, illinois bundleflower, native prairie grasses, showy partridge pea, milkweeds, mountain mint, beebalm, yarrow, oxeye daisy and gayfeather. After first frost, sunflowers will be ready to collect.

§ Walnuts, hickories and acorns are dropping to the ground, locust pods are filled out, grapes are ripe and osage oranges are dropping or growing larger. Snakeroot is also blooming their beautiful white flowers in area woodlands.