

Kaw Valley Almanac

October 31 - Nov. 6, 2016

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Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	08:27 AM	01:55 PM	07:19 PM	0%	
Tuesday	09:22 AM	02:40 PM	07:56 PM	2%	
Wednesday	10:15 AM	03:27 PM	08:36 PM	5%	
Thursday	11:07 AM	04:14 PM	09:21 PM	10%	
Friday	11:57 AM	05:03 PM	10:09 PM	16%	
Saturday	12:43 PM	05:52 PM	11:03 PM	24%	
Sunday	01:27 PM	06:41 PM	11:59 PM	33%	



The cedar/juniper berries make a nice contrast with the lingering red dogwood and wild cherry leaves--another beautiful week to hike!



Sun

Mars, Saturn SW, Venus, low W in evening;
Jupiter low east at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:53 AM	07:48 AM	06:21 PM	07:24 PM
Tuesday	06:54 AM	07:49 AM	06:19 PM	07:23 PM
Wednesday	06:55 AM	07:50 AM	06:18 PM	07:22 PM
Thursday	06:56 AM	07:51 AM	06:17 PM	07:21 PM
Friday	06:57 AM	07:52 AM	06:16 PM	07:20 PM
Saturday	06:58 AM	07:53 AM	06:15 PM	07:19 PM
Sunday	06:59 AM	07:55 AM	06:14 PM	07:18 PM

Nature Notes

- § There are a few asters and an occasional sunflower or goldenrod still blooming--look for them on your autumn walks. If it's daytime, watch them for a while and you're likely to see an insect looking for one last meal. This continues to be a great time to gather seeds, acorns and nuts for planting/eating.
- § The Wakarusa valley/Baker wetlands area are a great place to watch the giant flocks of grackles, redwinged and other blackbirds wend their way up and down the valley around sunset. In town, you can see them gathering by the hundreds on power lines as well as see the many seagulls doing their acrobatic stunts. See if you can spot other migratory waterfowl in the skies as well this week.
- § Ladybugs have begun to migrate, looking for corners in rooms to huddle up; keep your eyes open for the colorful box elder beetle which also gather in large numbers. Dragonflies are still active and you can still hear late season crickets and see ruddy grasshoppers on sunny days; listen for some late treefrogs singing on warm evenings.
- § Deer mating season has begun, so be careful driving after dark. You can find spots in the woods where bucks have cleared the vegetation from the ground by pawing or "rutting" as part of their mating ritual.