

Kaw Valley Almanac

November 21 - 27, 2016

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Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday		06:31 AM	01:14 PM	53%	3rd Quarter
Tuesday	12:40 AM	07:17 AM	01:46 PM	43%	
Wednesday	01:39 AM	08:01 AM	02:17 PM	33%	
Thursday	02:35 AM	08:44 AM	02:46 PM	24%	
Friday	03:31 AM	09:27 AM	03:16 PM	17%	
Saturday	04:26 AM	10:10 AM	03:47 PM	10%	
Sunday	05:22 AM	10:53 AM	04:20 PM	5%	



This squirrel's meal was interrupted but many acorns are being eaten and stored up for the winter by squirrels, packrats and other rodents who consume these natural energy bars. If you collect uneaten acorns that don't have insect holes in them, you can sprout them by putting them in a bucket of sand/dirt and leave it outside over the winter and plant the ones with tap roots in the spring.



Sun

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

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:14 AM	07:11 AM	05:03 PM	06:08 PM
Tuesday	06:15 AM	07:12 AM	05:02 PM	06:07 PM
Wednesday	06:15 AM	07:13 AM	05:02 PM	06:07 PM
Thursday	06:16 AM	07:14 AM	05:01 PM	06:06 PM
Friday	06:17 AM	07:15 AM	05:01 PM	06:06 PM
Saturday	06:18 AM	07:16 AM	05:00 PM	06:06 PM
Sunday	06:19 AM	07:17 AM	05:00 PM	06:06 PM

Nature Notes

§ With the first killing freeze behind us, the late fall will progress more quickly as vegetation retreats into dormancy and animals migrate south, into overwintering shelter and/or shut down in various degrees of hibernation. Birds are benefitting from good plant seed production but it will still be beneficial to put out bird seed for overwintering bird flocks

§ Why not hike with friends and family for Thanksgiving, to avoid "Black Friday" or the weekend after--it's a bug-free time of year. Enjoy the trails around Douglas County State Lake, Baker/Wakarusa wetlands, Clinton Reservoir, Fitch Nature Preserve or get ideas from the naturalkansas.org website. If you're lucky you'll see a flock of wild turkeys that avoided the thanksgiving meal--they are most commonly seen in fields.

§ Ducks dominate the numbers of waterfowl currently seen at area reservoirs; with snowfall in northwest Kansas, it will be interesting whether that pushes more geese into the area.

§ This is an excellent time to spot and gather bittersweet vines to use for holiday decorations. Gather some native grass seedheads, some acorns and you have a nice table decoration.

§ Turtles migrate downward. Box turtles burrow into sand, leaf mold and light soils, while snapping and painted turtles and red-eared sliders bury into the mud.