

# Kaw Valley Almanac

August 21 - 27, 2017

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Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	06:25 AM	01:24 PM	08:15 PM	0%	New Moon
Tuesday	07:33 AM	02:17 PM	08:52 PM	1%	
Wednesday	08:38 AM	03:06 PM	09:27 PM	5%	
Thursday	09:41 AM	03:54 PM	09:59 PM	11%	
Friday	10:42 AM	04:40 PM	10:30 PM	18%	
Saturday	11:42 AM	05:25 PM	11:02 PM	26%	
Sunday	12:39 PM	06:10 PM	11:36 PM	35%	



Look closely and you'll see that the disk of this ashy sunflower is being eclipsed by a black beetle. Since the beetle is smaller than the sunflower disk, this is an annular eclipse, or alternatively a beetle transit. You won't have to wait until 2024 for the next such event at your local prairie--it happens many, many times every day!



## Sun

Venus east at dawn;  
Jupiter SW, Saturn S after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:44 AM	06:40 AM	08:07 PM	09:12 PM
Tuesday	05:45 AM	06:41 AM	08:06 PM	09:10 PM
Wednesday	05:46 AM	06:42 AM	08:04 PM	09:09 PM
Thursday	05:47 AM	06:43 AM	08:03 PM	09:07 PM
Friday	05:48 AM	06:44 AM	08:01 PM	09:05 PM
Saturday	05:49 AM	06:45 AM	08:00 PM	09:04 PM
Sunday	05:50 AM	06:45 AM	07:58 PM	09:02 PM

## Nature Notes

§ Ashy sunflowers are blooming away at Prairie Park and many other native prairies; gayfeathers are mostly finished for the year. There are other perennial sunflowers blooming as well as bidens, sweet coneflower and rosinweed, making this a very yellow time of year.

§ Western ragweed and giant ragweed are on the verge of beginning to pollinate. If this week is hot with south winds, if you are allergic, you'll be noticing the pollen this week, on through September.

§ Migratory blackbird flocks have begun to gather and fly south. They are most noticeable around sunrise and sunset but will be wending their way south any time during the day.

§ The daylight is noticeably shortening—we're losing 16 minutes this week alone, with increasing amounts each week until the fall equinox in September.

§ Did you know that there are many different types of cicadas, each with their unique song? Listen to the recordings at [www.insectsingers.com](http://www.insectsingers.com) for the eastern US to help you identify which ones you are listening to.

§ There are many hummingbirds who have arrived in the area, and with the heat, it's good to keep water available for backyard birds as well.