

Kaw Valley Almanac

January 8 - 14, 2018

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Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday		06:03 AM	12:07 PM	58%	3rd Quarter
Tuesday	12:53 AM	06:49 AM	12:38 PM	47%	
Wednesday	01:52 AM	07:34 AM	01:09 PM	38%	
Thursday	02:50 AM	08:19 AM	01:42 PM	28%	
Friday	03:47 AM	09:04 AM	02:18 PM	20%	
Saturday	04:42 AM	09:50 AM	02:57 PM	13%	
Sunday	05:35 AM	10:38 AM	03:39 PM	7%	



Prairies are easy to find this time of year due to the coppery colored grasses, though make sure you're not looking at a faux prairie, i.e. green brome fescue field with coppery broomsedge growing in it. Prairies have much more species diversity than this and can provide good habitat for overwintering rodents and other mammals seeking shelter from the cold.



Sun

Mercury, Jupiter and Mars east at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:38 AM	07:39 AM	05:16 PM	06:16 PM
Tuesday	06:38 AM	07:39 AM	05:17 PM	06:17 PM
Wednesday	06:38 AM	07:39 AM	05:18 PM	06:18 PM
Thursday	06:38 AM	07:39 AM	05:19 PM	06:19 PM
Friday	06:38 AM	07:38 AM	05:20 PM	06:20 PM
Saturday	06:38 AM	07:38 AM	05:21 PM	06:21 PM
Sunday	06:37 AM	07:38 AM	05:22 PM	06:22 PM

Nature Notes

§ This time of year, migrating geese ply area skies, as do bald eagles, ducks, hawks, robins, owls and other flying creatures-- look up! Bird feeders continue to be a popular hangout for winter songbird flocks despite the melting thaw we'll be having. If you want to become a "citizen scientist" and submit bird counts from your backyard feeder, check out details at www.feederwatch.org which is run by Cornell University.

§ This is a great time to look at interesting tree trunks, different bark textures and patterns, It can help you learn how to identify species, by bark colors, tree shapes, bud arrangements and shapes. I'll be leading a walk starting at the Baker Wetlands Discovery Center on Jan. 27 1-2:30pm where we'll be exploring these things if you're interested.

§ The ice on area ponds is thick enough to skate on but warmer temperatures will mean some water accumulating on top of the ice, which is still safe but can mean getting very wet if you turn hard or fall down. Coyotes and other mammals are not afraid of crossing the ice, which makes them very visible, so keep an eye out for them.

§ This is owl breeding season, and speaking of owls, several snowy owls have migrated down from the north due to a population "irruption" so keep an eye out for white owls standing in area fields.