

Kaw Valley Almanac

August 27 – Sept. 2, 2018

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Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	08:55 PM	02:00 AM	07:41 AM	100%	
Tuesday	09:24 PM	02:44 AM	08:40 AM	97%	
Wednesday	09:54 PM	03:28 AM	09:39 AM	93%	
Thursday	10:24 PM	04:13 AM	10:40 AM	87%	
Friday	10:57 PM	04:59 AM	11:41 AM	79%	
Saturday	11:33 PM	05:47 AM	12:45 PM	70%	
Sunday		06:38 AM	01:50 PM	60%	3rd Quarter



One of the beautiful late August flowers that blooms into September is not yellow like so many other wildflowers this time of year: Pitcher's sage. Recent rains have begun the blooming season, which like all other flowers this time of year, draw a host of insect pollinators, including bumblebees.

Look for Indian grass, one of the dominant prairie grasses to begin to seed out and pollinate, joining big bluestem, switchgrass and side-oats grama grasses, all of which should have extended seedhead production to take advantage of the moisture of late. We still need more rain!



Sun

Saturn, Jupiter SW at dusk,
Mars SE after dark;
Venus west just after sunset

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:49 AM	06:45 AM	07:58 PM	09:04 PM
Tuesday	05:50 AM	06:46 AM	07:57 PM	09:02 PM
Wednesday	05:51 AM	06:47 AM	07:55 PM	09:01 PM
Thursday	05:52 AM	06:47 AM	07:54 PM	08:59 PM
Friday	05:53 AM	06:48 AM	07:52 PM	08:58 PM
Saturday	05:54 AM	06:49 AM	07:51 PM	08:56 PM
Sunday	05:55 AM	06:50 AM	07:49 PM	08:54 PM

Nature Notes

§ There has been a smattering of perennial and annual wild sunflowers blooming including compassplant and ashy sunflowers. Hopefully there has been enough moisture to have loads of other yellow bidens, Jerusalem artichoke, Maximilian and sawtooth sunflowers to join in in the next few weeks. Euphorbia corollata, mare's tail, purple fall thistles are also blooming; growth in wild aster species means that they will be more or less on schedule.

§ Walnuts are dropping, their green husks turning brown and drying out after that. Hedge apples seem only slightly smaller this year, as are acorns, and sycamore seed balls are fewer in numbers. Western ragweed and its taller cousin, giant ragweed are producing flowering seedheads that will be turning yellow with pollen this week, resulting in many runny noses and itchy eyes.

§ Cool mornings this time of year means the more humid air above ponds and rivers become visible as fog that burns off as the day warms and dries. Most mornings mean dew as well, so now is a good time to get a great picture of a spiderweb bejeweled with water droplets in the morning.

§ What is that daytime song you are hearing that is not a bird or frog? Probably an insect, which you can ID here: <http://songsofinsects.com/thumbnail-guide-to-species>