

# Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	04:50 PM	11:55 PM	06:09 AM	92%
Tuesday	06:04 PM		06:51 AM	97%
Wednesday	07:18 PM	12:52 AM	07:29 AM	Full Moon
Thursday	08:31 PM	01:46 AM	08:04 AM	99%
Friday	09:42 PM	02:39 AM	08:38 AM	96%
Saturday	10:51 PM	03:31 AM	09:12 AM	91%
Sunday	11:58 PM	04:23 AM	09:48 AM	83%



This carpenter bee was seen rolling around in the sun on Sunday, trying to get enough warmth to take wing. These bees overwinter in the same tunnels in wood as they raise young in, and plop out, in February and March, ready to find food and mate later in the spring. Later spring is the name of the game this year, but expect rapid gains this week even with some rain predicted.



Sun

Mars west at dusk,

Saturn, Jupiter, Venus in the east before sunrise

## Nature Notes

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:31 AM	07:27 AM	07:30 PM	08:27 PM
Tuesday	06:29 AM	07:26 AM	07:31 PM	08:28 PM
Wednesday	06:28 AM	07:24 AM	07:32 PM	08:29 PM
Thursday	06:30 AM	07:23 AM	07:33 PM	08:34 PM
Friday	06:28 AM	07:21 AM	07:34 PM	08:35 PM
Saturday	06:27 AM	07:19 AM	07:35 PM	08:36 PM
Sunday	06:25 AM	07:18 AM	07:36 PM	08:37 PM

§ Western chorus frogs are the frogs you hear right now, as we don't have spring peepers in this area. Many folks mistakenly call them peepers anyway, which are found right over the Missouri state line all the way to the east coast. Something that you can also look for, particularly in the rain near dusk/after dark: salamanders. One possible place to look: the road that starts at 31<sup>st</sup> and Michigan that goes south, then curves back east south of the wetlands.

§ Itchy nose/throat/eyes? Could be the eastern red cedar pollen, opening blossoms on the tops of elms or maples. All 3 have windblown pollen that can cause allergic reaction in some.

§ Listen for the "peent" of the woodcock around and after dusk. You might hear an owl or two as well: see if you can identify which kind. It's not too late to see snow geese at Loess Bluffs, though most roads are currently flooded. Last week the numbers peaked at 1.3 million!

§ It's too early for most native woodland wildflowers but worth a walk to see the greening floor of emerging leaves. Native woodland wildflowers can be seen in some native woods on the south and west side of Clinton, the Fitch Natural History Reserve north of Lawrence, and the Rice Tract on the way to Baldwin.