

Kaw Valley Almanac

April 8 – 14, 2019

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	09:03 AM	04:08 PM	11:20 PM	11%
Tuesday	09:42 AM	04:59 PM		18%
Wednesday	10:26 AM	05:54 PM	12:23 AM	27%
Thursday	11:18 AM	06:51 PM	01:25 AM	37%
Friday	12:17 PM	07:49 PM	02:24 AM	1st Quarter
Saturday	01:22 PM	08:47 PM	03:17 AM	60%
Sunday	02:31 PM	09:43 PM	04:04 AM	71%



Cottonwood trees are either male or female, with the latter trees producing copious amounts of “cotton” fluff later in the spring that allows the seeds to float on the air or water to a new location where it will grow into a new tree. The males are currently covered with red anthers as shown on the right: in other words you can easily “sex” any cottonwood right now by seeing whether it is covered with the red anthers or not.



Sun

Mars west at dusk,
Saturn, Jupiter south, Venus in the east at dawn

Nature Notes

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:00 AM	06:54 AM	07:51 PM	08:53 PM
Tuesday	05:59 AM	06:53 AM	07:52 PM	08:54 PM
Wednesday	05:57 AM	06:51 AM	07:53 PM	08:55 PM
Thursday	05:55 AM	06:50 AM	07:54 PM	08:56 PM
Friday	05:54 AM	06:48 AM	07:55 PM	08:58 PM
Saturday	05:52 AM	06:47 AM	07:56 PM	08:59 PM
Sunday	05:50 AM	06:46 AM	07:57 PM	09:00 PM

§ This week could be the beginning of morel season since it has recently rained and with temperatures forecast to be in the 70s and maybe even 80 degrees. While you’re looking, be sure to include a good native oak hickory stand to see if there are native woodland wildflowers: dutchman’s breeches, rue anemone and false rue anemone and cutleaf toothwort should all be blooming, with some trout lilies soon to follow and of course blue and yellow woodland violets.

§ Fires in native prairies continue; it is fun to see how quickly prairie grasses emerge from the ashes like living green phoenixes. Walking a recently burned prairie is a good way to find deer antlers, turtle shells, mammal skeletons and egg shells from hatched eggs. Keep an eye out for a morel there, too!

§ Elms will begin turning green this week, not from new leaves but from developing samara or flat seed pods that blow long distances in the wind. This doesn’t happen until they turn from light green to yellowish tan as they dry out.

§ Keep an eye on redbuds: the warm temperatures should make them begin to bloom or turn pinkish red from the soon-to-open buds. Note what a wide range of colors there are, too.