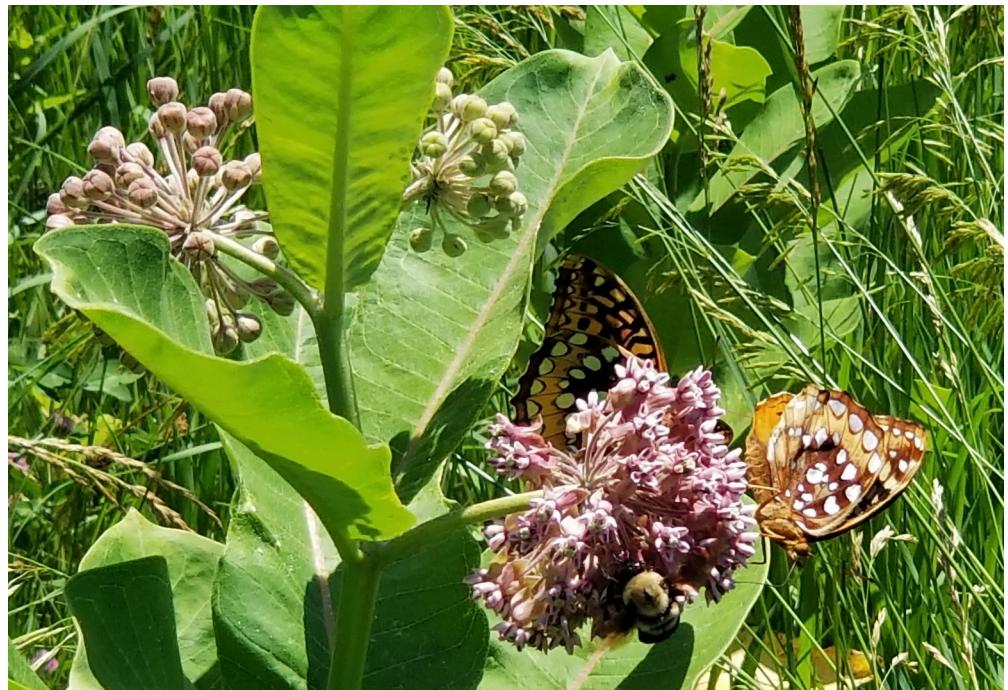


Kaw Valley Almanac

June 14 - 20, 2021

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	09:30 AM	05:00 PM		18%
Tuesday	10:34 AM	05:50 PM	12:23 AM	27%
Wednesday	11:40 AM	06:38 PM	12:56 AM	36%
Thursday	12:46 PM	07:25 PM	01:25 AM	1st Quarter
Friday	01:54 PM	08:12 PM	01:53 AM	58%
Saturday	03:04 PM	09:01 PM	02:20 AM	69%
Sunday	04:16 PM	09:53 PM	02:49 AM	79%



Lest you doubt the power of the common milkweed to attract pollinators, this photo shows TWO great spangled fritillary butterflies sharing a blooming flower cluster with a bumblebee! As you can see, there are two more clusters getting ready to bloom, so they will be feeding pollinators for quite a while. The wonderful flower fragrance is well worth checking out—just look for bees before you stoop down to smell it!



Sun

Mars W, Venus NW after dusk, Jupiter, Saturn SE at dawn.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:47 PM	10:02 PM
Tuesday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:48 PM	10:03 PM
Wednesday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:48 PM	10:03 PM
Thursday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:48 PM	10:04 PM
Friday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:49 PM	10:04 PM
Saturday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:49 PM	10:04 PM
Sunday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:49 PM	10:04 PM

Live outside the Lawrence area? Get rise and setting times, moon data where you live at: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

§ There are lots of other butterflies right now; one of the most common is the hackberry butterfly which can become so plentiful that it's like walking into a cloud of butterflies. A good place to look for these concentrations are underneath mulberry trees: they love to feed on the fallen berries on the ground.

§ On the native wildflower side of things, the bright burst of the sensitivebrier flower has joined the blossoming daisy fleabane, yarrow, spiderwort, echinacea, lead plant, chickory, cinquefoil, prairie phlox, evening primrose, various milkweeds, deptford pink, white sweet and red clovers, black eyed susan and many more. Touch the leaves of the sensitivebrier plant and they will close up right before your eyes in a few seconds.

§ If you are in the Lawrence area next Saturday, join Kelly Kindscher and the Kansas Land Trust folks for their annual walk in the Akin Prairie 9-11am just southeast of town. Check www.klt.org for map and details—it's great!

§ Many animals are becoming more nocturnal to beat the heat these days, and with the waxing moon, expect more night activity, so be careful when you drive in the country after dark.

§ Wheat harvest will soon be underway so it will be good to have a hot, dry week to allow for ideal harvesting conditions as well as a good time for cutting, drying and baling hay. Most row crops are planted and see if you can hear the corn growing if there is no wind and its a sunny day.