

Kaw Valley Almanac

January 9 - 15, 2023

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| Day | Moon rises | South | Moon sets | % Illum/Phase |
|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| Monday | 07:51 PM | 02:21 AM | 09:42 AM | 95% |
| Tuesday | 08:52 PM | 03:05 AM | 10:10 AM | 91% |
| Wednesday | 09:52 PM | 03:48 AM | 10:34 AM | 84% |
| Thursday | 10:52 PM | 04:29 AM | 10:57 AM | 77% |
| Friday | 11:53 PM | 05:10 AM | 11:18 AM | 68% |
| Saturday | | 05:52 AM | 11:41 AM | 3rd Quarter |
| Sunday | 12:56 AM | 06:36 AM | 12:06 PM | 49% |



Sycamores are white barked and easy to spot lining creeks where this water loving tree likes to grow. Another way to enjoy them is to see their smooth round seed balls that stay on the trees all winter long. They persist into the spring, when they can be pulled off and thrown at a wall, exploding into seeds.



Sun

Venus, W, Saturn SW, Jupiter S, Mars E after sunset

| Day | Gets light | Sunrise | Sunset | Gets dark |
|-----------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Monday | 06:38 AM | 07:39 AM | 05:17 PM | 06:18 PM |
| Tuesday | 06:38 AM | 07:39 AM | 05:18 PM | 06:19 PM |
| Wednesday | 06:38 AM | 07:38 AM | 05:19 PM | 06:20 PM |
| Thursday | 06:37 AM | 07:38 AM | 05:20 PM | 06:21 PM |
| Friday | 06:37 AM | 07:38 AM | 05:21 PM | 06:22 PM |
| Saturday | 06:37 AM | 07:38 AM | 05:22 PM | 06:23 PM |
| Sunday | 06:37 AM | 07:37 AM | 05:23 PM | 06:24 PM |

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

§ 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 or 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.

§ January is mating season for owls, and so it's a fairly common sight to see one on a fence post, flying from a tree and otherwise being more visible. Crows hate them so if you see a flock of crows bunched up, even dive bombing and crowing constantly, chances are they have cornered an owl.

§ It's easy to spot a packrat nest this time of year: look for a pile of sticks, bark and the like at the base of a tree, alongside a fallen log, or even in the crotch of a large tree. They pass their nest from generation to generation, and sometimes share their home with rabbits, mice, insects, spiders and shrews.

§ One way to check how bad the drought in your area is to check updates on www.droughtmonitor.unl.edu every Thursday. Another way is to check <https://waterwatch.usgs.gov/> to see what the stream flow is at the nearest USGS monitoring station. Stream flow is typically at its lowest point for the year around now anyway, but it is way lower this year for many.

§ This year's [Great Backyard Birdcount](https://www.gbbc.org) is Feb. 17 - 20 but if you don't want to wait, join www.feederwatch.org