

Kaw Valley Almanac

May 5 - 11, 2025

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	01:50 PM	08:47 PM	03:09 AM	57%
Tuesday	02:52 PM	09:29 PM	03:33 AM	66%
Wednesday	03:52 PM	10:08 PM	03:55 AM	75%
Thursday	04:50 PM	10:47 PM	04:15 AM	83%
Friday	05:49 PM	11:27 PM	04:35 AM	89%
Saturday	06:49 PM		04:56 AM	94%
Sunday	07:50 PM	12:08 AM	05:19 AM	98%



Groundplum milkvetch, *Astragalus crassicaarpus* is a native perennial prairie legume found in most counties across the state, with beautiful blue and white flowers currently blooming that attract a variety of butterflies and other pollinators. Even though the rest of the plant is toxic the fruit is edible and tasty.



Sun

Saturn, Venus E at dawn, Jupiter W, Mars SW after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:18 AM	05:17 AM	07:17 PM	08:25 PM
Tuesday	04:17 AM	05:16 AM	07:18 PM	08:26 PM
Wednesday	04:15 AM	05:15 AM	07:19 PM	08:27 PM
Thursday	04:14 AM	05:14 AM	07:20 PM	08:29 PM
Friday	04:13 AM	05:13 AM	07:21 PM	08:30 PM
Saturday	04:12 AM	05:12 AM	07:22 PM	08:31 PM
Sunday	04:10 AM	05:11 AM	07:23 PM	08:32 PM

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

§ It's worth visiting prairies every week this month, in order to experience the transition from short pre-vernal wildflowers to taller summer flowers, the source of the Osage name for May: Little Flower Killer Moon. Prairie wildflowers beginning to emerge are spiderwort, wild blue, creamy and white indigos, oxeye daisy, prairie phlox, salsify, antelopehorn milkweed, verbena and prairie parsley, with more on the way!

§ This continues to be a great time of year for identifying and listening to birds as this may be the time of year with the most variety of species easily visible or heard. Songbirds and shorebirds have almost all returned, are breeding and singing their territorial songs and decked out in their most colorful feathers of the year, and listen for the nighthawk, whippoorwills and other nightjars adding their songs to the night.

§ Speaking of the night, look for luna moths on your window, attracted by the lights in your house, sometimes lingering in the dewy morning. Lightning bugs have begun to flash, June bugs have also emerged, while bumble and carpenter bees, wasps, beetles, ants and butterflies are found in the daytime,

§ There are young families of cottontails, skunks, raccoons, muskrats, bobcats, beavers, foxes and coyotes as well as deer fawns in area pastures, woodlands and along creeks. Be careful when driving in the country!