

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	06:50 PM	12:55 AM	08:01 AM	100%
Tuesday	07:59 PM	01:45 AM	08:28 AM	98%
Wednesday	09:05 PM	02:31 AM	08:52 AM	94%
Thursday	10:08 PM	03:15 AM	09:14 AM	88%
Friday	11:11 PM	03:57 AM	09:36 AM	80%
Saturday		04:40 AM	10:00 AM	72%
Sunday	12:13 AM	05:23 AM	10:26 AM	63%



These geese are flying over a cottonwood, whose buds can be seen on the tips of each twig. This time of year, it's easy to hear the honking flocks of geese, particularly in the morning and evening skies, and it's a great time of year to spot many other birds: ducks, hawks, eagles, gulls, doves, owls and robins.



Sun

Saturn SW, Jupiter E in evening

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:28 AM	07:26 AM	05:43 PM	06:41 PM
Tuesday	06:27 AM	07:25 AM	05:44 PM	06:42 PM
Wednesday	06:26 AM	07:24 AM	05:46 PM	06:43 PM
Thursday	06:25 AM	07:23 AM	05:47 PM	06:44 PM
Friday	06:24 AM	07:22 AM	05:48 PM	06:45 PM
Saturday	06:24 AM	07:21 AM	05:49 PM	06:46 PM
Sunday	06:23 AM	07:20 AM	05:50 PM	06:47 PM

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§ Winter flocks are also common: woodpeckers, crows, juncos, various sparrows and finches, titmouse, flicker, cardinal and bluejays. These songbirds are beginning to get more vocal in the morning as some species are starting to stake out their nesting areas and calling out their territories.

§ Look at buds on the top of maples and elms; if they are swelling during the day, then you can tap sap from them if the tree is at least 10 inches in diameter. Yes, you can get sap for syrup from elms too tho the sap is thinner than either sugar or silver maple sap so needs to be boiled even longer to make syrup. Sap tapping season happens when temps are above freezing days and below at night.

§ Morning walks when the ground is still frozen will give your feet a massage as the ground in fields is very bumpy from the freezing and thawing of the ground. Notice how much longer the snow lingers on the north side of trees and hedgerows, where it does not get direct sunlight.

§ Deer, wild turkeys, coyotes, raccoons and other wild animals can be seen from the roadside this time of year as vegetation is dormant and animals are hungry. Most years, opossums, bobcats, raccoons, cottontails, muskrats and coyotes in this area are beginning to mate, while foxes, squirrels and beavers are most likely already pregnant.