

Kaw Valley Almanac

September 21 - 27, 2026

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	04:55 PM	09:47 PM	01:43 AM	71%
Tuesday	05:24 PM	10:34 PM	02:47 AM	80%
Wednesday	05:50 PM	11:18 PM	03:51 AM	87%
Thursday	06:14 PM		04:56 AM	93%
Friday	06:38 PM	12:03 AM	06:01 AM	97%
Saturday	07:01 PM	12:47 AM	07:07 AM	Full Moon
Sunday	07:27 PM	01:33 AM	08:16 AM	100%



The Osage who used to reside in Kansas called August Yellow Flower moon, but the growing season has gotten longer and the upcoming Full Moon seems pretty yellow in addition to Deer Hiding Moon, which refers to bucks growing their antlers for breeding season.



Sun

Venus southwest at dusk, Saturn SW, Jupiter, Mars E at dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:14 AM	07:07 AM	07:19 PM	08:22 PM
Tuesday	06:15 AM	07:08 AM	07:17 PM	08:20 PM
Wednesday	06:16 AM	07:09 AM	07:16 PM	08:19 PM
Thursday	06:17 AM	07:10 AM	07:14 PM	08:17 PM
Friday	06:18 AM	07:11 AM	07:13 PM	08:15 PM
Saturday	06:19 AM	07:12 AM	07:11 PM	08:14 PM
Sunday	06:20 AM	07:13 AM	07:09 PM	08:12 PM

Your exact times: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

§ Tuesday is the autumnal equinox and daylight is shrinking quickly, losing an additional 16 minutes just this week. Day length is a trigger for many species' endocrine system in the fall, just as the quickly increasing day length around the spring equinox triggers migration and breeding behaviors.

§ Fall is nature's great planting season, with many seeds ripening and dropping to the ground to be covered by leaves or buried by animals, with seeds floating through the air, passing through animals and otherwise creating the next generation in forms that will survive the cold dormant-inducing winds, low light and moisture of winter months.

§ Sunflowers, goldenrods, asters, thistles, blue sage and grass seedheads dominate the landscapes of mid-late September, as prairie grasses begin to take on fall colors, a process that peaks in the middle of October. This is a good time of year to figure out which pastures have green, cool season grasses and which are native pastures that begin to turn golden and coppery.

§ With north winds predicted for the first part of the week, fall migrations are picking up speed, with increasing numbers of monarchs, migrating dragonflies, wetland shorebirds, grackle flocks, fall warblers, vireos and nuthatches being reported passing through. This week should be perfect for checking them out first hand!