

Kaw Valley Almanac

September 11 - 17, 2017

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Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	11:19 PM	05:33 AM	12:37 PM	67%	3rd Quarter
Tuesday		06:29 AM	01:44 PM	56%	
Wednesday	12:07 AM	07:26 AM	02:47 PM	44%	
Thursday	01:01 AM	08:24 AM	03:47 PM	33%	
Friday	02:01 AM	09:22 AM	04:40 PM	23%	
Saturday	03:04 AM	10:19 AM	05:29 PM	14%	
Sunday	04:10 AM	11:14 AM	06:11 PM	7%	



The Baker Discovery Center and trails in the Wakarusa wetlands continue to attract waterfowl and people alike, as the landscape continues to get yellower and yellower from the blooming bidens, sunflowers and goldenrods. Don't miss it!



Sun

Venus, Mercury east at dawn;
Saturn SW after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:06 AM	06:59 AM	07:35 PM	08:37 PM
Tuesday	06:07 AM	07:00 AM	07:34 PM	08:35 PM
Wednesday	06:08 AM	07:01 AM	07:32 PM	08:33 PM
Thursday	06:09 AM	07:02 AM	07:31 PM	08:32 PM
Friday	06:10 AM	07:03 AM	07:29 PM	08:30 PM
Saturday	06:11 AM	07:04 AM	07:27 PM	08:28 PM
Sunday	06:12 AM	07:04 AM	07:26 PM	08:27 PM

Nature Notes

§ Stiff goldenrod is beginning to join the other goldenrods blooming, with many other of the sunflowers, bidens, sweet coneflower, boneset, ragweed, russian thistle, Pitcher's sage, gentian, euphorbia corollata. and the beginning wave of asters. Bees, beetles, butterflies and aphids are reaping the bounty, as are their predators.

§ Spiders and dragonflies are prolific right now, as are grasshoppers and tree frogs. If it's a dewy morning, now is a great time to get that perfect dew-laden spiderweb photo, and look for dragonflies lighting on cattails and other plants around water. Both tree frogs and spiders like to set up camp on or around windows after dark to get their fill of insects attracted by the lights inside a house. And sedum flowers along with the native bonesets are great draws for insects and butterflies.

§ Monarch caterpillars are not the only ones feeding on milkweeds; if you see a little black caterpillar with orange combed over hairs on its back and "tussocks" of black hair growing out on both ends, you are probably looking at the milkweed tiger moth caterpillar which is similarly protected from predation by the toxic compounds found in milkweeds, the cardiac glycosides.

§ We lose another 16 minutes of daylight this week as we rush toward the autumnal equinox next week.