

# Kaw Valley Almanac

September 25 – Oct. 1, 2017

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Day	Moon rises	Moon south	Moon sets	% Illum.	Phase
Monday	12:20 PM	05:35 PM	10:46 PM	29%	1st Quarter
Tuesday	01:15 PM	06:22 PM	11:27 PM	38%	
Wednesday	02:06 PM	07:09 PM		47%	
Thursday	02:54 PM	07:57 PM	12:12 AM	56%	
Friday	03:39 PM	08:46 PM	01:01 AM	66%	
Saturday	04:21 PM	09:34 PM	01:55 AM	75%	
Sunday	05:00 PM	10:23 PM	02:51 AM	83%	



When you take a walk in some native woodlands this time of year, keep an eye open for the bright red berries of the jack-in-the-pulpit, and consider marking the spot so you can come back in April to see the distinctive flower hidden under the droopy leafed “pulpit.” The green sticky stem to the left is a bristly greenbrier vine.



## Sun

Venus east at dawn;  
Saturn SW after dusk

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:19 AM	07:12 AM	07:13 PM	08:13 PM
Tuesday	06:20 AM	07:13 AM	07:11 PM	08:12 PM
Wednesday	06:21 AM	07:14 AM	07:10 PM	08:10 PM
Thursday	06:22 AM	07:15 AM	07:08 PM	08:09 PM
Friday	06:23 AM	07:16 AM	07:06 PM	08:07 PM
Saturday	06:24 AM	07:16 AM	07:05 PM	08:05 PM
Sunday	06:25 AM	07:17 AM	07:03 PM	08:04 PM

## Nature Notes

- § Asters are becoming more and more prolific; now is a good time to sort out the various species of these little late summer/autumnal flowers, whose name in latin means “star.”
- § Seagulls continue to be in the area, blackbirds are gathering in the Wakarusa wetlands, fall warblers are passing though, and “kettles” of turkey vultures are drifting south through the area, on their way to points as far away as Venezuela.
- § Plant-wise, virginia creeper, poison ivy, dogwood and sumac leaves are all turning red as fall color season has begun, and several “fairy ring mushrooms” have been spotted recently. Rains this week will bring out even more mushrooms. Check out insect galls on hackberry, oak and elm leaves and on the stems of goldenrods, and in woodland, the common white understory flower is snakeroot.
- § Rains will bring out even more singing insects, toads and frogs at night, and also lots of daytime grasshoppers. Now is a great time to spot praying mantises, dragonflies and darners, all who feed on the profusion of bugs, as do the many, many spiders around right now.
- § If you're still looking for monarch butterflies, go to the Baker Wetlands around all the sunflowers still blooming. You'll be sure to see many other butterfly species too.