

Kaw Valley Almanac

April 9 - 14, 2018

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Monday	03:26 AM	08:31 AM	01:39 PM	42%	
Tuesday	04:06 AM	09:18 AM	02:35 PM	33%	
Wednesday	04:42 AM	10:05 AM	03:33 PM	24%	
Thursday	05:16 AM	10:51 AM	04:32 PM	16%	
Friday	05:48 AM	11:37 AM	05:34 PM	9%	
Saturday	06:19 AM	12:24 PM	06:37 PM	4%	
Sunday	06:51 AM	01:12 PM	07:42 PM	1%	New Moon



Hickory buds are swelling and even beginning to open in area native woods, but like woodland wildflowers, they are slower to emerge this year due to the recent dry, cool weather. It will be interesting to see how fast plants emerge by the end of this week when things are supposed to warm up considerably.



Saturn, Jupiter and Mars south at dawn; Venus, west just after sunset

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:00 AM	06:53 AM	07:52 PM	08:53 PM
Tuesday	05:58 AM	06:51 AM	07:53 PM	08:54 PM
Wednesday	05:57 AM	06:50 AM	07:54 PM	08:56 PM
Thursday	05:55 AM	06:48 AM	07:55 PM	08:57 PM
Friday	05:53 AM	06:47 AM	07:56 PM	08:58 PM
Saturday	05:52 AM	06:45 AM	07:57 PM	08:59 PM
Sunday	05:50 AM	06:44 AM	07:58 PM	09:00 PM

Nature Notes

§ At the beginning of the week, some false rue anemones are about the only woodland wildflower that has begun to bloom. By the end of the week, look for rue anemone, dutchman's breeches, cutleaf toothwort, violet and gooseberry to join in. Look also for emerging May apple, woodland phlox and trout lily plants along with various ferns and opening papaw flowers.

§ Oaks and sycamores have lost last year's leaves; how long will ironwood trees hold onto theirs? After the below freezing temps, it will be interesting to see how many redbuds bloom. Elm seeds are mostly ripe and should start to fall this week.

§ Jayhawk Audubon is sponsoring a workshop this week: Birding Basics: Plants for Birds on Wednesday, April 11, 7-8pm at the Lawrence Public Library. Free and Open to all. Outdoors, most birds are busy building nests, setting or raising young ones. This is a great time of year to identify them by their songs and their colorful plumage.

§ Prairies are still mostly dormant; look for more of them to be burned in the coming week if the winds stay low: it is still very dry out there. The first prairie wildflowers to look for include the prairie violet, pussytoes, wood betony, buttercup verbena and spring beauty.