

Kaw Valley Almanac

August 16 - 22, 2021

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	03:31 PM	08:24 PM	12:30 AM	64%
Tuesday	04:42 PM	09:25 PM	01:13 AM	75%
Wednesday	05:47 PM	10:26 PM	02:05 AM	84%
Thursday	06:44 PM	11:27 PM	03:06 AM	92%
Friday	07:31 PM		04:13 AM	97%
Saturday	08:10 PM	12:25 AM	05:24 AM	100%
Sunday	08:43 PM	01:19 AM	06:34 AM	Full Moon



Showy partridge pea, a native annual, yellow-flowered legume has begun to bloom in area prairies. It is not as dramatic as sensitive brier, but if you brush the inside stem of the leaflets, they will fold up and close. Partridge pea joins the parade of yellow flowered native forbs that bloom in August, including many perennial and annual sunflower species, goldenrods, evening primrose, and members of the Silphium/rosinweed tribe. They all attract a wide number of pollinators, and you might notice that the number of migrating monarch butterflies passing through is already increasing.



Sun

Venus sets WNW at dusk, Jupiter, Saturn rise in SE.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:39 AM	06:35 AM	08:14 PM	09:19 PM
Tuesday	05:40 AM	06:36 AM	08:12 PM	09:18 PM
Wednesday	05:41 AM	06:37 AM	08:11 PM	09:16 PM
Thursday	05:42 AM	06:38 AM	08:09 PM	09:15 PM
Friday	05:43 AM	06:39 AM	08:08 PM	09:13 PM
Saturday	05:44 AM	06:40 AM	08:07 PM	09:12 PM
Sunday	05:45 AM	06:41 AM	08:05 PM	09:10 PM

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§ Other wildflowers currently blooming include white Euphorbia corollata, lingering gayfeather, ironweed and whorled milkweed, while mare's tail, thistles, boneset and asters are preparing to begin blooming into the fall months. Tallgrass prairie grasses continue to shoot up their tall seedheads and elderberries are ripe. Look for ragweed to start pollinating in the next week or two.

§ Reptiles and insects, including a profusion of dragonflies are reaching their peak numbers and activity level now, while cicadas are noisy most afternoons, spiders are prolific, chiggers and ticks are going strong, deer bucks are growing antlers, and the nights continue to be full of life, especially with this week's full moon--drive carefully!

§ Many birds have lost their colorful feathers through molting and some are quietly beginning southern migration in small groups. Blackbirds are gathering in flocks, most reliably seen at the Baker/Wakarusa Wetlands, and hummingbirds are frequenting this area—put out a feeder and see who drops by.

§ Hikes will likely unintentionally result in you collecting seeds, with tick trefoil and sticktites on your pants/socks a virtual certainty. This is also a good time for intentional seed collecting, with the coming week of dry weather being a good time to collect seeds from forbs blooming in May, June and July.