Kaw Valley Almanac April 22 - 28, 2024

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| Day | Moon rises | South | Moon sets | % Illum/Phase |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| Monday | 07:07 PM | 12:05 AM | 05:54 AM | 98% |
| Tuesday | 08:08 PM | 12:45 AM | 06:16 AM | Full Moon |
| Wednesday | 09:12 PM | 01:28 AM | 06:40 AM | 99% |
| Thursday | 10:18 PM | 02:14 AM | 07:08 AM | 97% |
| Friday | 11:24 PM | 03:03 AM | 07:43 AM | 93% |
| Saturday | | 03:57 AM | 08:26 AM | 87% |
| Sunday | 12:27 AM | 04:54 AM | 09:19 AM | 79% |
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Papaws are found in native woodlands as an understory tree, meaning that they only grow 10-20 feet tall, in the shade of the much taller oaks, hickories, sycamores and cottonwoods that make up the dominant overstory canopy. Papaw's chocolate colored blossoms can be found right now, hanging like bells on the branches. They are fly pollinated, meaning that they exude a rotten aroma.



Sun

Jupiter, low west at dusk

| Day | Gets light | Sunrise | Sunset | Gets dark |
|-----------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Monday | 05:37 AM | 06:33 AM | 08:05 PM | 09:10 PM |
| Tuesday | 05:35 AM | 06:32 AM | 08:06 PM | 09:11 PM |
| Wednesday | 05:34 AM | 06:31 AM | 08:07 PM | 09:12 PM |
| Thursday | 05:32 AM | 06:29 AM | 08:08 PM | 09:13 PM |
| Friday | 05:31 AM | 06:28 AM | 08:09 PM | 09:14 PM |
| Saturday | 05:29 AM | 06:27 AM | 08:10 PM | 09:16 PM |
| Sunday | 05:28 AM | 06:26 AM | 08:11 PM | 09:17 PM |
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Live outside the Lawrence area? Get rise and setting times, moon data where you live at: https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/ It is still rewarding to visit a native woodland, even though dutchman's breeches, cutleaf toothwort, dogtooth violet have all finished up, you are apt to find lingering rue anemones and

violets, lots of ferns, opening blossoms of buckeyes, lots of woodland phlox, lf you are pulling up the invasive mustard garlic plant, carry it out and put it in the trash, because the already developing seedheads will likely produce seeds if you just drop

it on the ground.

S The landscape has more than emerging plants: it is also currently home for newborn coyotes, rabbits, foxes, muskrats, birds, tadpoles and fish eggs.

An appropriate thing to look for as the moon waxes toward full: the luna moth. These beauties appear every year toward the end of April and are always a delight to behold. Watch your window sills after dark and early morning when they are drying

off/warming up, and maybe you'll get lucky too! There are a number of exciting things to consider in the coming week if you are interested in nature: On Tues., learn about beebalm with the Kaw Valley Herb society at 1501 Learnard at 6pm; Wednesday, Free State Brewery is having a Trails that Connect Us event at 1927 Moodie 5-8pm; on Friday, the Haskell Greenhouse is having a restoration day at the Haskell Wetlands at 7pm; on Saturday morning 8-10am will be the Lawrence Bird Alliance bird observation/Field Trip at the Baker Wetlands, all in Lawrence.