

Kaw Valley Almanac

May 13 - 19, 2024

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	10:53 AM	06:33 PM	01:29 AM	33%
Tuesday	11:58 AM	07:20 PM	02:04 AM	43%
Wednesday	01:00 PM	08:04 PM	02:33 AM	1 st Quarter
Thursday	02:00 PM	08:44 PM	02:57 AM	62%
Friday	02:59 PM	09:24 PM	03:18 AM	71%
Saturday	03:57 PM		03:38 AM	79%
Sunday	04:56 PM	10:42 PM	03:58 AM	86%



This is how a hedge apple begins: as a green cluster of flowers bunched together, waiting to be wind pollinated from a male tree nearby, which sends out the pollen that fertilizes the flowers, producing a seed near the core of the hedge apple. If a female tree does not get pollinated, the hedge apple grows anyway, but squirrels searching for the seed to eat within next winter will find none.



Sun

Mars, Saturn low east/southeast before dawn

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:08 AM	06:09 AM	08:25 PM	09:34 PM
Tuesday	05:07 AM	06:08 AM	08:26 PM	09:36 PM
Wednesday	05:06 AM	06:07 AM	08:27 PM	09:37 PM
Thursday	05:05 AM	06:07 AM	08:28 PM	09:38 PM
Friday	05:04 AM	06:06 AM	08:29 PM	09:39 PM
Saturday	05:03 AM	06:05 AM	08:30 PM	09:40 PM
Sunday	05:02 AM	06:04 AM	08:30 PM	09:41 PM

Live outside the Lawrence area? Get rise and setting times, moon data where you live at: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

§ Prairie phlox and an increasing number of other wildflowers are emerging during the month of May into June, as the taller wildflowers replace the shorter early spring wildflowers, a time the Osage tribe called Little Flower Killer Moon. Included right now are flowers such as spiderwort, oxeye daisy, salsify, white and blue wild indigo, yarrow, daisy fleabane and antelopehorn milkweed. Visit once a week all month to see what new has emerged!

§ Black locust trees and honeysuckle bushes are full of fragrant white flowers: see if you can smell them by rolling down your window as you drive by. Look for blooms on the Kentucky coffee tree as well, while gooseberries, wild cherries, plums, raspberries, mayapples and , papaws are beginning to form/grow bigger. Cottonwoods are forming their seeds, so start to look for the floating fluff on creeks, ponds and lakes.

§ Have you seen any lightning bugs yet? They prefer humid evenings after a rain among tall grasses to create ideal conditions for them to start blinking after dark. In the daytime, spittlebugs are starting to come out, with their bubbled homes on grass and flower stems, with the bug buried deep inside.

§ There is a native plant sale sponsored by the Grassland Heritage Foundation, Saturday, May 18, 10am - 1pm at Trinity Episcopal Church, 1011 Vermont, Lawrence KS 66044, and after that, come on a free prairie walk at Prairie Park, starting at 2pm. Read my interview with the prairie [here](#)