Top 10 hotspots in Central Ohio

<u>Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park</u>: there are lots of great trails in this park! The <u>Teal Trail</u> goes through a prairie with harriers and lots of sparrows and then circles around a pond that should have lots of ducks. You can also visit the <u>Hawthorne Trail</u>, which should have songbirds like towhees and bluebirds.

<u>Pickerington Ponds Metro Park</u>: try the observation decks on both sides of Bowen road to look for eagles, ducks, and Sandhill Cranes. The address is 4150 Bowen Rd, Canal Winchester, OH 43110

<u>Blendon Woods Metro Park</u>: there are excellent feeders setup at the <u>nature center</u>, and the trail outside that leads to the Thoreau Pond often has turkeys and lots of songbirds. The pond itself should have some ducks.

<u>Walnut Woods Metro Park</u>: the area west of Richardson Road is known as the <u>Tall Pines area</u>. It should have Red-breasted Nuthatches and other songbirds. If you walk off the trail and through the pines, you have a good shot at finding one of the many owls that roost in the park!

The east side of the park has a lot of open fields where you can see harriers, hawks, and Horned Larks

<u>Kiwanis Riverway Park</u>: this park on the edge of the Scioto River should be a great place to see woodpeckers, songbirds, and ducks. Sometimes Common Yellowthroats or other warblers hang around even into October.

