Top 10 hotspots in Central Ohio

**Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park:** there are lots of great trails in this park! The Teal Trail 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 Hawthorne Trail, which should have songbirds like towhees and bluebirds.

**Pickerington Ponds Metro Park:** 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

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

**Walnut Woods Metro Park:** the area west of Richardson Road is known as the Tall Pines area. 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.

**Kiwanis Riverway Park:** 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.