Masks are recommended and please keep a turkey vulture’s wingspan (6’) distance from other hikers!

Friday, Sept 11, 7:45 pm

**Owl Prowl:** Owl Prowls are somewhat like fishing. Sometimes you catch a fish and sometimes you do not. While an owl is not guaranteed, a fun night hike is (weather permitting)! We will visit two locations the first of which is a short easy walk through a mature grass field. Then we will hike ¾ of a mile through the forest on a packed mud trail. If we have rainy weather a few days ahead of the outing, the trail can be muddy so mud boots are helpful. There are no lights on the trail or in the parking lot therefore, bring a flashlight. We will be prowling about for 1.5 – 2 hours. There are no restrooms nearby so plan appropriately. Meet at the Bretschnieder Park parking lot on the north side of Pioneer Trail a few hundred yards east of the Page Road intersection in Aurora. Leader: Jim Tomko

Saturday, Sept 12, 7:45 am

**The Rookery:** 10110 Cedar Road, Chesterland. A reliable migrant hotspot every year in mid-September, with checklists of 20 - 30 species in 2-hours. Two wetlands, some small fields, deciduous woods, flooded bottomland and lots of ’Glorious Edge’ attract migrant vireos, warblers and flycatchers, as well as many summer breeders and some raptors. Easy walking on flat, smooth trails. You could have a decent checklist just birding around the parking area! Hike led by Matt Valencic and Dave English. Arrive by 7:45 am and start walking at 8:00am.

Saturday, Sept 12, 7:45 am

**Chagrin River Park:** meet at the main parking lot (3100 Reeves Road, Willoughby) by 7:45 am. Walk begins at 8:00 am. Mary Ann Wagner and other members of the Blackbrook Audubon Society will be happy to show you one of our favorite parks. During migration, birds need to stop to rest and feed. Dedicated as an Important Bird Area in 2007, Chagrin River Park provides crucial stopover habitat. Most of the park’s natural areas are made up of dense shrubs with pockets of mature forest bordering wetland areas and open fields. Park land on the east and west sides of the Chagrin River are linked by a pedestrian bridge. We’ll look for great blue herons, kingfishers and sandpipers near the river. We should see a variety of songbirds and we’ll hope to see the flock of resident wild turkey.

We may split into smaller groups to facilitate physical distancing.

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