

# *Greater Mohican Audubon Society*

## *f-news, November 29, 2022*



### *Holiday Celebration*

Come one! Come all! Broken Rocks Café in Wooster, 11:30. Please join us for some good food and fun!

### *Upcoming Events*

- December 10 – Birdwalk at Secret Arboretum, 9-11 am
- December 10 – GMAS Holiday Lunch – Broken Rocks Café, 11:30 am
- December 16 – Ashland Christmas Bird Count
- December 17 – Mansfield Christmas Bird Count
- December 24 – Birdwalk at Byers Woods, 9-11 am
- January 14 – Birdwalk at Mohican Lodge, 9-11 am
- January 17 – Board meeting on Zoom, 6:30 pm
- January 28 – Birdwalk at Byers Woods/Tom Kruse Park, 9-11 am

### *Looking for a Board representative from Holmes County!*

Contact Tim Leslie, President: [leslie26\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:leslie26_2000@yahoo.com)

### *Native Plant of the Month*

For all of you fans of pollinators and butterflies, I will be featuring a plant of the month. This month's plant is Ohio Spiderwort. I have two of them and have enjoyed their beautiful blooms in June and July. They attract bumblebees and honeybees. In fact, as I am weeding my flower beds, I hear buzzing right above my head. Fear of bees? Don't bee! The "bees" that everyone hates are not bees but wasps – yellow jackets. They are NOT pollinators, but rather are carnivorous, which explains why they like your picnics and cookouts. Please spread the word!!!!



Photo and description courtesy of [https://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/oh\\_spiderwortx.htm](https://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/oh_spiderwortx.htm)

This is a herbaceous perennial plant about 2-4' tall and mostly unbranched, except toward the apex. The flowers open up during the morning and close by the afternoon in sunny weather, but remain open longer on cloudy days. There is no floral scent. The preference is full or partial sun, and moist to

slightly dry conditions. The most important pollinators of the flowers are long-tongued bees, especially bumblebees. Other visitors include Halictine bees and Syrphid flies. The leaves and stems are reported to be edible – fresh or cooked.

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