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Dear Friend,

“The environment is where we all meet; where all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share.”
- Lady Bird Johnson

Lately I've been hearing an owl in my neighborhood. It's a quiet hooting that I catch when all is silent. The experience makes me think of which owls might hang out at SMLC's preserves. Woodlands, grasslands, and border areas are raptor habitat - owls, hawks, and even Bald Eagles. I've had several memorable raptor experiences at **Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy** (SMLC) preserves including the summer I frequently saw an Osprey while walking the public trail at Lost Lake, and the night I saw the outline of a Great-horned owl sitting in a tree at the Conservancy Farm.

Most people think owls are nocturnal but the Snowy owl, a winter visitor, hunts during the day too. Depending on the species, owls can make all kinds of “fun” sounds including screeching, growling, cat-like mewling and yelping, and cackling! My favorites are the Snowy, Short-eared, and Barred. The latter is the one keeping me company at night with its soft mnemonic *hu hu hu hoo, hu hu hu huhoo*.

SMLC is preserving, restoring and stewarding a diversity of wildlife habitat for a variety of local and migrating animals including owls. **Your 2022 gift of \$100 or more supports this legacy,** however, a gift of any size is greatly appreciated. Your SMLC donation will also offset this year's inflationary impact. **Thank you** for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy

Jill A. Lewis
Executive Director

P.S. Thanks for making a gift of \$100 or more to support land conservation in southeast Michigan **before December 31, 2022.** *If you have already given this year, thank you.* **Donate now to help keep quiet natural places alive for owls and people too!** ☺

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