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Nicholas <njloch@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

> Today was the first time my birds had to deal with a lot of snow. It
> was funny watching them when the sleet first started to fall. Four of
> them were chasing and eating the bigger sleet pellets as they fell to
> the ground.

:~)

I always look forward to the first morning with snow on the ground. The young birds that have never seen it before will come flying through the door as I open it, as usual, but then realise that something's totally wrong!

Complaining loudly, they fly around in circles, not knowing whether it's safe to land on this surface, and whoever can manage to land on an elevated spot and not on the ground will gladly do so. Pullets have been seen on top of the bird table, standing like a statue, not daring to move for ages!

It's not until they have watched the older birds for quite a while that they decide to give it a try. The next day, however, they will deny that they have ever been anxious about touching snow with their feet, or that there has been a time when they didn't know such a thing existed ;~)

I did have one hen, though, a bantam Barnevelder, blue laced, very pretty. She refused to leave the coop when we had snow. Once, it started to snow while she was standing at our front door with her friends. When it got dark, they all went back home – except for one. I had to pick her up and take her to the coop!!! Now that was a fine lady.

Nuele (D)

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