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Christina Websell wrote:

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keith kent wrote:

Last night my four hens all sat on top of the run and were reluctant to enter run/house.I had to pick them up and encourage them .Tonight three went in and one stopped on the run again,this hen i have just broke from broodiness a couple of days ago.I am not worried about them just interested why they might do this.The hen has has not been altered in any way and they always have gone to bed :-) on there own before. Any ideas.
Thanks Keith

Mink; Pine marten; Stoats?

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regards
Jill Bowis

Hi Jill ,the hen that was still out tonight is a light sussex,she has just finished being broody.I have 2 light sussex,2 leghorn exchequeurs.

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Thanks Keith

Jill is asking you if your hens could have been frightened by any of the predators she mentioned. Not what breed they are ;-)

sorry -- too quick

A house that has been visited by a strong smelling predator like one of the small mustelids is one common reason for birds to be suddenly wary.

And, yes, Red mite would be another strong possibility. especially as one birds has been broody.

Poultry Shield is one of the most effective, and non "chemical" ways of dealing with them. Its a natural dessicant so dries the little blighteres up and their eggs and being a spray on liquid you can get into every nook and cranny.

The house needs to be absolutely soaked in a 20% solution of the stuff.

We use it as a routine and have few red mite problems. but plenty of customers have saved their house using it.

I have not had experience of Duramitex but would strongly believe Tina if she recommends something from experience.

If you have a felt roof on your house -- get rid of it.

Its been a horrendous year for bugs of all kinds -- so warm and wet across the country so you are in good company!!!

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regards

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