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keith kent wrote:

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keith kent wrote:

I have kept chickens for one year now and let them roam the bottom of the garden, where they have been happy and never strayed until today!!!

My garden is long and narrow fenced on both sides, gated from my main garden and at the bottom open ish to farmland (soon will be houses) by ish i mean there is a 4 ft high mound of soil, brambles etc and my two compost bays. Today my wife phoned me to say the chickens had vanished, but she spotted them in the middle of the farm land, she managed to shout them back. End of problem, until i came home to find they had got round onto my neighbours garden! I got them back, one of them was hard work!!! Why have they decided to do one all of a sudden, i thought they didn't go far from their hen house ?

Possibly because at this time of year there are relatively poor

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pickings
on range and they are prospecting for new goodies.
Birds can travel far and wide but always focused on the
house – so the
chances are they will find their way home <g>

Otherwise is there any chance of them being disturbed at
home?

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regards
Jill Bowis

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I don't think they get disturbed, i think it is the lure of the farmland
that has be left to nature until they move in to build new houses!And
the green grass next door , i must admit the area they are in is a bit
boring ,all soil .I was thinking of sowing a wildflower seed mix in
spring but would mean moving