

Directions for making a Butterfly Log Cabin:
Provide a dry, safe home for butterflies in winter.

Materials needed:

Essentially you need to make a 3-foot high x 4-foot wide woodpile of whatever size desired. Hardwood is preferred over pine.

Logs, length around 2 feet. Split wood if all you have are large logs, end result should be pieces no more than 8-10 inches across.

It's ideal to have some sort of post to anchor the left and right sides (I used steel fence posts, but anything permanent would work). In that case, some way to drive the posts is needed.

Some sort of permanent waterproof covering or tarp. [tarp, shower curtain, contractors grade plastic bags, etc] If there are a couple of pieces of the material, one can go underneath to reduce rotting of the bottom layer of wood.

Directions:

1. Put a piece of tarp or heavy plastic on the ground.
2. Place a layer of logs on the tarp until they cover up to 4 feet.
3. Add another layer of logs going in the opposite direction.
4. Pound stakes into the ground around the edge of the pile you are making to help keep the logs in place.
5. Keep building the log pile with each layer of logs going in the opposite direction until it is about 3 feet high.
6. Place another piece of tarp on top and anchor it down with more logs.

How butterflies found in Ohio spend the winter:

Some migrate as adults:

Buckeye- *Junonia coenia*,
Painted lady- *Vanessa virginiensis*
Monarch- *Danaus plexippus*
Red admiral- *Vanessa atalanta rubria*
Snout- *Libytheana carinenta*

Those that hibernate as adults:

Mourning cloak- *Nymphalis antiopa*
American painted lady- *Vanessa virginiensis*
Tortoise shell- *Nymphalis vaualbum*
Eastern comma- *Polygonia comma*
Gray comma- *Polygonia progne*
Question mark- *Polygonia interrogationis*

Those that are Pupa in diapause [chrysalis]

Tiger Swallowtail- *Papilio glaucus*
Eastern black swallowtail- *Papilio polyxenes asterius*
Spring azure- *Celastrina ladon*
Summer azure- *Celastrina ladon neglecta*
European cabbage white- *Pieris rapae*
Pipevine swallowtail- *Battus philenor*
Spicebush swallowtail- *Papilio Troilus*
Zebra swallowtail- *Eurytides Marcellus*
Silver spotted skipper- *Epargyreus clarus*

Those that are larva in diapause [caterpillar]

Great spangled fritillary- *Speyeria cybele*
Wood nymph- *Cercyonis pegala*
Eastern tailed blue- *Everes comyntas*
Pearl crescent- *Phyciodes tharos*
Viceroy- *Limenitis archippus*
Silver checkerspot- *Chiosyne nycteis*
Red spotted purple- *Limenitis arthemis*
American copper- *Lycaena phlaeas*
Orange sulphur- *Colias eurytheme*

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