 Johnson Bat House

This bat house was designed by Minnesota DNR Wildlife Manager Earl Johnson. So it's called the "Johnson bat house."

Lumber: Two 1" x 12" x 10' rough sawn or with all interior surfaces roughened.

Note: External seams and joints should be caulked if not tight fitting. Divider boards are spaced 1 inch apart.

Bat Houses can be mounted on the side of buildings or on poles. Bat houses should be mounted at least 12 feet above the ground: 15 to 20 feet is better. They should not be lit by bright lights. Bats like it warm so sun exposure is critical. The box should receive at least 6 hours of direct sun daily, however, if the high temperatures in July average 80 F or less should they should receive more sun. Favorable conditions for maternity colonies in the summer have the internal bat house temperatures between 80 and 100 F as long as possible.

Bat houses can be installed at any time of the year, but are more likely to be used during their first summer if installed before the bats return in the spring.