

Lay your chrysalides or cocoons in a piece of paper towel in the bottom of a screened bug tent. Do not allow the chrysalides or cocoons to touch each other or the sides of the container. Upon emergence it takes about two hours for the adults to expand and dry their wings. Release the butterflies outdoors during the day; moths should be released in the evening hours.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How long until the butterflies emerge or pupate?

A: Typically it takes about 7 to 14 days, but sometimes longer.

Q: How long will the adult live?

A: From one week to six months depending on the species.

Q: What is the liquid I see when the butterflies and moths emerge?

A: its called meconium. It is the leftover coloring and tissues from the wing formation. It is not blood.

Q: Can I feed the butterflies and moths that emerge?

A: Adult luna, cecropia, and polyphemus silk moths do not eat as adults; butterflies can be fed a solution of eight parts water to one part white cane sugar offered on a clean sponge.

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