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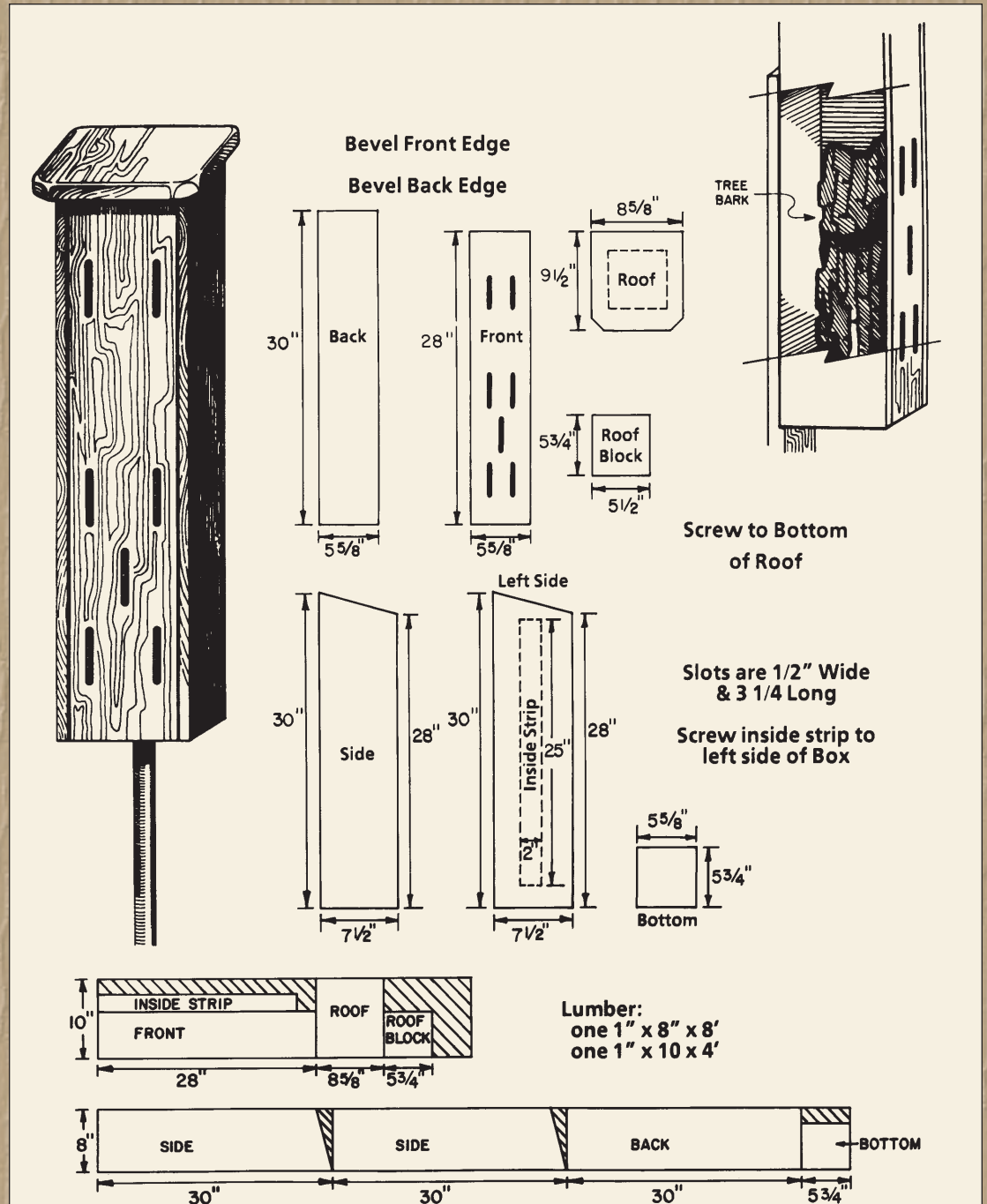
BUTTERFLY HIBERNATION BOX

There are 10 species of butterflies in the 48 contiguous states which hibernate in or near their normal habitat areas.

Each of these insects seeks out crevices, holes, tree bark, wood piles and similar spots to hibernate. But with modern home design eliminating such "hiding places" and with many forests being thinned or having their dead trees removed, butterflies find it difficult to locate suitable locations in some areas.

This design simulates the natural and existing crevices in which butterflies hibernate. These conditions are found in live tree bark, old wood piles, fallen timber and buildings with wooden features. Ideally, your butterfly hibernation box should be mounted 3.5 to 4 feet off the ground on a pole or post. The box should be placed in an area around trees, flowers or a garden, preferably in the shade.

Remove the top and loosely place material such as pine bark mulch or natural tree bark in your hibernation box. Important: Be careful to place material in a vertical position to allow butterflies ease of entrance and successful hibernation. Do not pack the box tightly as this would prohibit butterflies from entering.



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