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Stick Insects

Housing:

House in a Cylinder Cage or a tank with a secure lid of mesh, or similar, to provide good ventilation.

Temperature:

Around 20°C

Large Spiny/Prickly Stick Insects. Named Species on despatch

Feeding: They do very well on Bramble or Oak (the food must be kept constant after the first feed).

The leafy twigs should be kept in water and sprayed with a fine-mist water spray to keep them fresh and should only need renewing once or twice a week.

Breeding: Adults kept in the correct environment will mate and the females will lay rounded brown eggs. To hatch the eggs, keep them at around 20°C for between 6 and 9 months, depending on the species.

It is a good idea to put some fresh leaves in the container when you estimate the young may hatch, so that they can feed immediately.

Keep the young in the same way as the adults.

Indian Stick Insects - *Carausius* and

Pink Winged Stick Insects - *Necrosia*

Feeding: Bramble kept in water and changed at least once a week.

The *Carausius* should be fed on Bramble or Privet.

Breeding: Eggs laid should be left in the bottom of the tank and will hatch in three to six months. Care must be taken when cleaning out the old food plant as Pink Winged stick insects sometimes lay their eggs on the plants.

Any damaged limbs that occur will partially re-grow as the stick insect develops.