

EVENING PRIMROSE

Oenothera biennis (ee-no-THEE-ruh by-EN-iss)

BIENNIAL I ONAGRACEAE FAMILY

ZONES: 4-9

EXPOSURE: FULL SUN I PART SHADE

MATURE HEIGHT: 3-5 FT | SPREAD 2-3 FT

BLOOM: YELLOW I SUMMER











This drought-tolerant biennial will die after setting seed, but will naturalize in a wildflower, cottage, or herb garden. Its yellow flowers open at dusk and close again in the morning. An important herb and food to Native Americans who boiled the nutty flavored root for food and used the leaves, flowers and seeds for medicine.

- Culinary: the entire plant is edible, cooked or raw
- Therapeutic*: most women associate Evening Primrose oil with PMT, breast pain, and menopausal symptoms. However, it is also helpful with skin conditions including eczema.
- Parts used: leaves, flowers, seeds and root

<u>Caution</u>: do not use if pregnant or prone to seizures.



