

# Missouri Evening Primrose



Super  
easy  
to  
grow!



*Oenothera macrocarpa* ((Botanists have changed the name for this species from *missouriensis* to *macrocarpa*).

- **Use:** Huge yellow flowers from late spring through the summer and attractive green foliage . Deep rooted and xeric, this prairie native is a long lived beauty. We grow an especially drought tolerant selection. Drought resistant/drought tolerant plant (xeric). Place it in the front of the garden with other drought-tolerant species or naturalize it on a sunny bank.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers full-part sun. Fairly drought tolerant and needs little water once established, but prefers good drainage.
- **Growth:** Grows 10" high and 18-24" wide. Will reseed so be sure to give it room!
- **Hardiness: Zone 4-8;** Perennial.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. The alternate leaves are up to 6" long and 1" across; they are rather densely crowded along the stems. Their margins are smooth, or slightly dentate with widely spaced teeth; they often curve upward. The leaves are narrowly lanceolate or oblanceolate, with white veins; the upper surface of young leaves is often shiny.
- **Flower:** This native wildflower is renowned for the huge 4" yellow flowers that open each afternoon and close up the following morning. Long blooming throughout the summer months, it keeps going until it feels it has set enough seed pods to retire for the season. Long-lived, it forms a huge underground tuber to keep itself going from year to year. Evening Primrose cascades nicely over rocks and retaining walls.