



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Tufted Evening Primrose or Flor de San Juan *Oenothera caespitosa*

DESCRIPTION: Tufted Evening Primrose is found throughout the western states, as well as Baja California. It is a short-lived evergreen perennial, readily reseeding itself. Flowers are vivid white and very fragrant, occurring in late winter to spring, and again in the fall. Each tubular flower is 2"-3" across and composed of four heart-shaped petals. They open at sunset and stay open to mid-morning. Sphinx moths are its primary pollinator, and White-lined Sphinx moths uses the plant as a larval food source.

RECOMMENDED USE: Forms an attractive component of a transition zone. They grow and look good among other plants or in a rock garden.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Hardy to at least to 20°F.



Sun tolerance: Either full sun or part shade. They may suffer in full sun during the dry fore-summer.



Watering and feeding: It is a low to moderate water user.



Soil requirements: Most soils that drain well will do.



Pruning: Tufted Evening Primrose will eventually crawl along the ground. Cut back senescent stems as necessary. It will resprout in the fall or early winter.