



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Chihuahuan Evening Primrose

Oenothera stubbei

DESCRIPTION: This groundcover from northern Mexico blooms from spring through fall. Large yellow flowers open at night, wilting quickly during the early morning. They are moth pollinated. Cold weather tints the foliage red. Stems may root as they trail on the ground, creating a low groundcover 6' across. This non-invasive species gives a lush oasis effect and Saltillo evening primrose tolerates most exposures, and prefers well drained soils. During the cold winter months, the foliage will turn a deep red color, and tolerates the cool season well.

RECOMMENDED USE: Plant in areas where they can be easily viewed and enjoyed while in bloom. It would be great for a patio “night garden”.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Around 20°F.



Sun tolerance: Plants can grow in full sun at higher elevations, but do best in part shade in the low desert.



Watering and feeding: Moderate; it requires more supplemental water than other types of evening primroses.



Soil requirements: Any soil that drains.



Pruning: Stems root as they touch the ground. It can be cut to near the ground to refresh it.