



Sundrops Primrose (*Oenothera fruticosa*)

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Sundrops Primrose is a fast-growing herbaceous perennial native to eastern North America. It is upright, clump forming with multiple branched stems. Unlike the Evening Primrose, Sundrops is diurnal and its flowers open during the day. While the showy flowers are short-lived, the plant continues to bloom for a period up to two months. Excellent choice for a rock or pollinator garden.

Type	Herbaceous perennial
Hardiness Zone	3 - 9
Sun	Full sun to partial shade
Bloom Time	June to August
Height	1' to 3'
Spread	1' - 2'
Tolerance	Drought, poor soil and heat tolerant
Attracts	Birds, pollinators and hummingbirds
Additional Features	Somewhat resistant to deer

Soil and Site Recommendations

- Drainage: good drainage
- Soil pH: neutral to slightly acid
- Type: sandy, loam, silt, shallow rock

Planting Recommendations

- Type: propagate by seed or stem cuttings taken after flowering
- Spacing: 1 - 3 feet
- Spread: not terribly aggressive
- Division/transplant tips: can be divided in early spring or late fall

Maintenance

- Watering: low water needs although likes moist soil
- Pinching/deadheading: cut back to the ring of leaves at the base of the plant to promote new foliage and lengthen blooming season
- Annual maintenance: low maintenance



Common Problems

Disease: powdery mildew, root rot

Insects: aphids

Resources

www.missouribotanicalgarden.org

<https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu>

Questions or problems: “What’s wrong with my plant” for information on garden pests and diseases:

<http://apps.extension.umn.edu/garden/diagnose/plant/>

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