

Botanical Name: Oenothera missouriensis

Common Name: Ozark sundrop, Missouri evening primrose

Type of Plant: dicot; perennial Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape spreading, trailing plant with fairly coarse leaves and flowers held above the foliage; generally assumes a loose, floppy appearance

Height to 1' Spread to 3' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun to partial shade

Soil tolerates most any soil with good drainage

Hardiness hardy (all zones)

Morphology:

Leaves narrowly elliptical, to 4" long, 1/2" wide; slight sheen to both upper and lower surfaces; alternate on trailing stems

Flowers broad bright yellow flowers; open at night or on shady days  
flowers appear on elongated style head above inferior ovary

Fruit large 4-winged leathery capsule; reddish brown

Propagation: seed, division

Usage: for bright flower display in rock gardens and rustic landscapes; a very show plant for borders, large-scale beds and casual landscape settings -- prized plant

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average watering; don't allow to dry out

Fertilizing balanced fertilizer in spring

Pruning head back to ground when foliage dies back

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions plant goes completely dormant in winter months

Origin: Midwestern U.S. Family: Onagraceae