

Tohono Chul Park Greenhouse
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EVENING PRIMROSE – Onagraceae family

The evening primrose family – *Onagraceae* – is a group of low-growing, night-blooming plants that make excellent ground covers.

Light – Full sun to light shade.

Water – Drought tolerant but will do better with supplemental water.

Temperature – Hardy to below freezing.

Species –

Oenothera caespitosa (Tufted Evening Primrose) – blue-green foliage forms 1' mound; blooms throughout spring and again in fall; 3" diameter white flowers slowly open in the early evening; flowers remain open during the night and into the next morning, the fading petals turning pink.

Oenothera berlandieri (Mexican Evening Primrose) -- 6" high plant that spreads quickly and can become invasive; leaves turn reddish in cold weather; prolific bloomer with pale pink, cup-shaped flowers; flowers open during the day throughout spring and often into summer.

Calylophus hartwegii (Calylophus) -- 2' wide clumping plants; large, ruffled yellow flowers appear throughout spring, summer and into fall; flowers open in early evening and remain open until the middle of the following day.