




OENOTHERA SPECIOSA

Mexican Evening Primrose

 Low to moderate water

 Full sun to part shade

 Native to N. Mexico and Texas



Why we love it...

Mexican Evening Primrose is a wild and vigorous little groundcover with a whole lot of flower power. Though it's true that this perennial is sometimes frowned upon for its invasive tendencies elsewhere in the U.S., controlling its spread in Arizona is as simple as controlling the amount of water it receives. It grows quickly and easily in moist, amended soils, but is much less enthusiastic about spreading into native, rocky soils with no water source. If you *do* want it to spread over banks or large areas, give it some water to get established and watch it grow! Once established, Mexican evening primrose can survive on annual rainfall alone, but it will give you more fragrant pink flowers and lush green growth with occasional irrigation.



Lydia says: Mexican evening primrose is very tolerant of cold temperatures, but may lose leaves in the heat of the summer. Flea beetles like to eat tiny buckshot-like holes in the leaves, but the damage is only cosmetic and won't affect the plant's vigor.

Perennial: *Oenothera speciosa*

Size (H x W): 6-12 inches feet x 2-3 feet

Blooms: Pink, spring through fall

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Hardiness Zone: -20° F, USDA Zone 5

Water: Low to moderate

Pruning: Early spring and after spring bloom

Growth Rate: Moderate to fast

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