

Discovery Garden featured plant for

June

Ozark Sundrop

Oenothera macrocarpa

This native perennial is also known as Mexican primrose and Missouri evening primrose.

It blooms bright yellow flowers which turn orange as they close. The blossoms resemble poppies in appearance and are followed by unusual winged seed pods. The flowers have a light fragrance and open in the evening for night flying moths, which linger around the flowers until very early in the morning.

This plant is easily grown in average (or poor), dry to medium, well-drained soil in full sun. It tolerates summer heat and humidity. Can be used as a ground cover and is also a good choice for a rock garden or as edging.

Size:
8" tall and 16" wide

Best Viewing Months:
May and June



Pollinators:
Moths and Hummingbirds

- Fun Facts:**
- The unique seed pods are often used in flower arrangements
 - Blossoms open shortly after dark and remain open until afternoon
 - Roots thought to be used in ancient times to scent wine



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