

## Common eveningprimrose

*Oenothera biennis* L.

### Life cycle

Usually an erect biennial or winter annual. Occasionally a summer annual.

### Leaves

Alternate, narrow oval-shaped, smooth to slightly wavy leaf margins, with distinctive pink to white midveins. Leaves initially develop from a basal rosette.

### Stems

Erect, semiwoody, approaching 5 feet in height. Stem usually branches only at the top and may be visible through the winter.

### Flowers and fruit

Flowers are yellow, attached to fused sepals forming a tube and found in terminal spikes. Seed capsules are woody, cylinder-shaped and thickest near the bottom.

### Reproduction

Seeds.



Common eveningprimrose rosette.



Common eveningprimrose plant.

**Onagraceae (Eveningprimrose family)**

## Common eveningprimrose *continued*



Common eveningprimrose flowering stem.

### Similar weeds

**Cutleaf eveningprimrose** (*O. laciniata* Hill)

Differs by having a prostrate to moderately erect, branching stem; wavy and coarsely toothed leaves; yellow to reddish flowers in the upper and middle leaf axils; and linear, cylinder-shaped seed capsules.



Cutleaf eveningprimrose leaf is coarsely toothed.

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