

# Common eveningprimrose

*Oenothera biennis* L.



## Life cycle

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

## Leaves

Alternate, narrow oval with smooth to slightly wavy leaf margins and 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 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.