

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Bega-Tathra Road



Plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Scottsdale Bush Heritage Reserve near Bredbo



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Scotia Sanctuary, western NSW

## Common name

Common evening-primrose, Evening primrose

## Family

Onagraceae

## Where found

Grassy areas, roadsides, disturbed sites, and near streams. Widespread, mostly Sydney area, Blue Mountains, ACT, and the Cooma district. Occasional elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced annual** or **biennial** herb to 1m tall. Stems hairy. Leaves in a basal **rosette** and **alternating** up the stems, 3-20 cm long, 3-10 mm wide, margins toothed, tips pointed. Fragrant flowers. Flowers single, yellow fading through yellowish pink and orange to red, with 4 **petals**, each 15-40 mm long. Flowers all year.

Hybridizes with *Oenothera indecora* subsp. *bonariensis*. Hybrids, which are similar in general appearance to *Oenothera indecora* subsp. *bonariensis*, are mostly readily identified by the presence of a basal rosette of long narrow leaves, similar to that of *Oenothera stricta* subsp. *stricta*.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Oenothera~stricta> (accessed 23 January, 2021)

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