

Oenothera cespitosa *var cespitosa*

Tufted Evening Primrose



Plant type:	Perennial
Season of Interest:	Mid-Spring to Late Summer
Height: 8"-1'	Spread: 1-2'
Water needs:	Low
Native Region:	CO, AZ, NE, NM, TX, UT, WY
Elevation:	to 10,000'
Important to know:	Flowers turn dark rose as they age.



Maintenance:	Low
Characteristics:	Fragrant, Showy
Garden uses:	Beds and Borders
Habitat:	Dry slopes, grasslands, sagebrush

Ease of Propagation: Medium

Propagation: Fruit formation is not reliable every year so do not share all of your seeds. Store some dry at 40°F. Collect (cut off) the woody seed capsules when they turn brownish, and the tips spread open. Put them in a paper bag to release as many seeds as possible. Let them dry for a week or more. Pliers may still be required to get the last seeds out.

Sow right away in situ or in containers outside or store seeds dry at 40°F and sow Dec-Jan outside in situ or in cells/pots. Cover the seeds with 1/8" of grit or vermiculite. Germination will be staggered after temperatures begin to warm.

