



***Oenothera fruticosa* 'Fireworks'**

Evening primrose, Sundrops

A tough and reliable perennial, *Oenothera fruticosa* 'Fireworks' is a wonderful selection. It has a short stature compared with the species and fabulous fall color. The deep bronze foliage and red stems and buds opening to canary yellow blooms in late spring and early summer. Striking! Deep red foliage in fall and winter. An excellent choice for a border or sunny slope.

Full sun to light shade

Height: 15-18 inches Spread: 12-18 inches

Bloom Time: Late spring to early summer

Bloom Color: Yellow

Oenothera fruticosa, commonly called sundrops, is an erect, day-flowering member of the evening primrose family. This native produces terminal clusters of bright yellow four-petaled flowers on stems clad with lanceolate green leaves. Flowers are followed by distinctive club-shaped seed capsules. Each flower is short-lived, but flowers bloom in succession over a fairly long period of two months. The beauty of this variety is its evergreen reddish color in winter.

Sundrops are easily grown in average, medium moisture, well-drained soils in full sun. They prefer heat and dryish soils. They will tolerate poor soils, light shade and some drought. Although sundrops tolerate poor soils, they do better when the soil is supplemented with organic material. Sundrops will grow in partial shade, but flowers best in the more sunny spots.

Moths pollinate the flowers, particularly Sphinx moths. Other occasional visitors include hummingbirds, honeybees and bumblebees. The insects seek nectar, although some of the bees collect pollen.