**Oenothera drummondii*

Commonly: Beach Evening Primrose

Vascular Plant Family: Onagraceae

Flowers spring to early autumn

**Oenothera drummondii* is a short lived perennial herb reaching 1m in height. The stems have a covering of glandular and long hairs. It is native to North America.



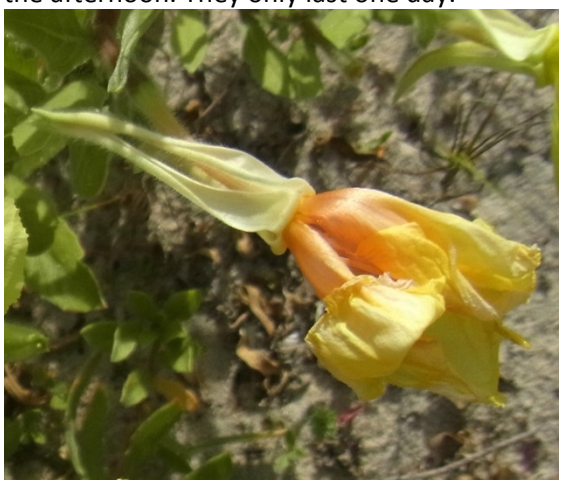
The leaves occur at the base of the plant, are stalked and broadly oval shaped, 15cm long and 3.5cm wide. The edge is minutely toothed.



The flowers occur in a leafy spike. The flowers are yellow but fade to red. The ovary occurs below the floral parts and the floral tube above the ovary is slender up to 80mm long. The 4 sepals are free above the ovary and can be up to 40mm long. There are 4 free petals above the ovary up to 50mm long and 8 stamens. The style is divided into 4 lobes.



With age the sepals reflexed back down the floral tube and the petals turn red. The flowers come out in the morning and close in the afternoon. They only last one day.



The fruit is cylindrical up to 30mm long with both simple and glandular hairs.

Refer also to Peppy Plants article *Oenothera drummondii*

*Indicates it is a weed