

*\*Oenothera drummondii* BEACH EVENING PRIMROSE

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**Flowering period:** All year depending upon rainfall but mainly in warmer months.

**Description:** Low-growing, herbaceous perennial to 1 m with leaves to 12 cm long covered in fine, felty hairs. Flowers 10 cm across, open for one day, produced terminally in elongated spikes that continue to produce flowers for extended periods. Seeds contained in an elongated, narrow pod that splits longitudinally to release many hundreds of small brown seeds. Seeds are highly viable and germinable and can remain in the soil seed bank for many years.

**Pollination:** Unknown.

**Distribution:** A widespread coastal weed of disturbed areas in dunes, along paths and roadways from Geraldton to south of Perth and Esperance.

**Control:** A difficult species to control due to its ability to germinate over a long period. Glyphosate-based sprays are effective; however, requires direct application to prevent off-target impacts. It is important to remove the weed prior to seed set. However, once native species cover a dune area, evening primrose declines as it requires high light situations.



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