

OENOTHERA 'Shimmer'

Origin: Colorado.

Species: *Oenothera fremontii*

Protection Status: US Plant Patent #19,663

Characteristics:

An herbaceous native perennial, this new cultivar has extremely narrow foliage and prolific 2½" wide lemon-yellow flowers. The original plant was selected from a large group of seed grown *O. fremontii* plants. The smooth margined leaves are 4½" to 5" long and ¼" wide. 'Shimmer' is a recurrent bloomer, the first heavy flush coming in late spring followed by several more (depending on rainfall and length of the growing season) in mid-summer and early fall. A tap-rooted species, it grows well under dry conditions in a variety of poor to average fertility sandy to clay-loam soils. The plant is essentially seedless. It is a fantastic plant for massing at the front of the perennial border, as an edging plant or in a container. The hardiness of this prairie native makes it an excellent choice for gardeners contending with harsh climates and difficult growing conditions. 'Shimmer' is drought-tolerant, and resists browsing deer and rabbits. It attracts hummingbirds and butterflies.

Hardiness: USDA Zones 4 -8

Bloom: Bright lemon-yellow flowers

Foliage: Green in spring maturing to silvery-gray in mid-summer.

Habit: 10" tall x 15"-18" wide, compact

Propagation: Cuttings. *License required for propagation.*

Culture: Full sun.

