



## ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### Yellow Evening Primrose *Calylophus hartwegii*

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**RECOMMENDED USE:** Plant on two to three foot centers for a ground cover, or farther apart for separate spots of color. Can be planted under shrubs and trees that cast sparse shade.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** Freezes to ground and resprouts from roots. Roots hardy to below 0°F.  
(Grows in nature to 7000 feet elevation.)



**Sun tolerance:** Flowers best in full sun or light shade. Plants become leggy in Moderate shade but still flower, though less profusely. Flowers open earlier if planted in afternoon shade.



**Watering and feeding:** Deep rooted and drought tolerant, but needs water to flower. Irrigation every one to two weeks depending on soil and weather is adequate for continued bloom. Feed once or twice per year.



**Soil requirements:** Tolerates almost any soil, even hard clayey ones. Needs less water in heavy soils. Lush growth is in good garden soil. Apparently resistant to Texas root rot.



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