



Beeblossom

Oenothera lindheimeri

Plant Description – non-native, herb/wildflower, deciduous, perennial

Height: 2 – 5 ft **Width/Spread:** 1 - 2 ft



Leaves

Shape: lanceolate

Arrangement: alternate

Margin: serrate

Form: simple

Leaf Description: soft, hairy; Dark green in summer and red, gold, or purple in fall; 1-3 inches long and half an inch wide; grow in rosette form at base and singly on the stem

Flower/Bloom

Flower Color: white, pink

In Bloom: Apr - Jul

Flower Shape: Papilionaceous (butterfly-like)

Flower(s) Description: ½ - 1-inch-wide flower with 4 petals on the upper side and 8 long stamens and 1 pistil on lower side; grow on long, wiry spikes; open in the evening or early morning; white, fading to light pink



Fruits & Seeds

Spreads via: Seeds & Rhizomes **Seed Type:** Dry seed pod

Fruit and Seed Description: angular nut-like body containing one reddish-brown seed; pods are only ¼" long; start off green, then change to dark greyish-brown when they are mature

Ecological Benefits

Food source for Butterflies, Native Bees, and Other Pollinators

Maintenance Notes

Dormant in winter; Can become invasive; if cut back midsummer, it will regrow and bloom again in fall. Plants can be sheared in late spring, removing up to half the height of the plant, to keep plants smaller. Prefers average watering (*water two times per week during the summer and once per week during the rest of the year*)