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*Oenothera*

*Onagraceae*

*Oenothera* is derived for some authorities from Greek *oinotheras* (with *oinos* possibly meaning ‘wine’ and *thera* meaning perhaps ‘booty’). However this genus name was applied first to an unknown unrelated plant and other authorities wonder whether *Oenothera* might be a corruption of Greek *onotheras* (*onos* meaning ‘ass’ and *thera* or *ther* meaning respectively ‘the chase, hunt, pursuit’ or ‘wild beast’). And, as yet another authority notes, neither would appear to have relevance for *Oenothera*’s present application.