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*Oenothera caespitosa* subsp. *marginata*

[Synonyms : *Anogra longiflora*, *Oenothera eximia*, *Oenothera idahoensis*, *Oenothera marginata*, *Pachylophis cylindrocarpus*, *Pachylophis prolatus*, *Pachylophus marginatus*]

**TUFTED EVENING-PRIMROSE** is a biennial or perennial. Native to south-western North America it has sweetly-scented, pale pink to lavender flowers.

The flowers open in the afternoon until the following morning.

*Caespitosa* means ‘growing in dense clumps, tufted, or turf-like’. *Marginata* is derived from Latin *marginis* (edge, border) meaning ‘edged’.

The flowers played a role in ceremonial ritual in the Hopi North American Indian tribe. The Hopi Indians also smoked the leaves as an alternative to tobacco.

Records show that the plant was applied to swellings by some of the Navajo tribe, and Hopi Indians used it for easing toothache and sore eyes