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Oenothera speciosa Twilight

Breeder: James Turner
Protection status: worldwide breeder's rights asserted.
EU PVR granted EU17785 (as TURNER01)
US Plant Patent granted

Characteristics:

Twilight is an excellent form of *Oenothera speciosa*, resembling the variety Siskiyou in general characteristics, but distinguished by striking rich purple bronze colouring in the centre of the leaf, particularly on young foliage. This deep colouring makes a strong contrast with the large pale pink flowers which appear throughout the summer. *Oenothera speciosa* Twilight is a versatile plant for the border, containers or as a patio plant. It is particularly effective when planted with plants with yellow or pale leaves.

Hardiness: not tested, but expected to be hardy to USDA zone 5 (minimum temperature -25 Celsius).

Bloom: large pale pink flowers, from May to August.

Foliage: mid green with distinctive purple-bronze central marking, most distinctive in young growth.

Habit: compact, herbaceous. 30cm/12" high.

Propagation: cuttings, division.
Note: a licence is required for propagation.

Culture: best performance in full sun, although will tolerate up to half day shade. Any good soil.

Additional information:

Already launched in the UK, this makes an excellent impulse purchase plant for pot sizes of 1.0 litre upwards. More than 100,000 plants sold worldwide in 2006.

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Left: *Oenothera speciosa* Twilight in full flower.

Right:
Close up of foliage, clearly
showing the distinctive
markings.



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