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OENOTHERA PURPUREA. PURPLE
OENOTHERA.

Class and Order.

OCTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 4-fidus. *Petala* 4. *Caps.* cylindrica infera. *Sem.* nuda.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

OENOTHERA *purpurea* foliis ovato-lanceolatis glaucescentibus integerrimis, capsulis sessilibus, stigmatibus atro-purpureo.

The species of *Oenothera* here figured is the one we mentioned in treating of the *rosea*, a very ornamental species, introduced to the Royal Garden at Kew, from the western coast of North-America, in 1791.* We have given to it the name of *purpurea*, it being the only one in our gardens with purple flowers.

It is distinguished by three principal characters, the glaucous appearance of its foliage, the purple hue of its blossoms, and the dark colour of its stigma.

It flowers during the months of July and August, and ripens its seeds in September; is an annual of ready-growth, and worthy of being more generally introduced to the flower-garden; its seeds should be sown in the spring, with other tender annuals, and the seedlings when of a proper age planted out singly in the open border, where they will acquire the height of two feet, and produce abundance of blossoms which, like those of the *rosea*, open during the day as well as in the evening.

* *Donn. Hort. Cantab.* 1796.