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Botanists call them *Solenostemon*. Gardeners call them coleus. In the Trial Gardens, we call them colorful, versatile, unique, and simply amazing for the variety of leaf shapes and range of vibrant foliage colors exhibited in both sun and shade.



The bright colors of the coral reef are reflected in the intricate foliage of coleus 'Under the Sea Copper Coral' (above), while coleus 'Under the Sea Fish Net' (below) seems to evoke the denizens of the deep. Both Under the Sea varieties are new introductions from Hort Couture.



Coleus 'ColorBlaze Velveteen' (above) and 'ColorBlaze Apple Brandy' (below), new for 2016 gardens from Proven Winners, bring a spectrum of colors to the landscape, including red, rose, orange, green, and gold. Other color variations may appear on plants grown in shadier conditions.



The South Mississippi Branch Experiment Station is located at 711 W. North St., Poplarville, MS 39470 (across from Pearl River Community College). From the intersection of Highways 11 and 26, go ½ mile north on Hwy. 11 and one block west on W. North Street. The Trial Gardens are open daily during daylight hours. Removal of plant materials is prohibited. For questions about the gardens, call 601-795-4525.

