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Some shade can certainly be a relief on these hot summer days. Colorful new varieties of impatiens growing in part-shade conditions are in full bloom in the Trials Gardens. Whether a spot in the shadier part of the garden calls for bright colors, pastel shades, or white, there seems to be an impatiens to fill the need.



Impatiens 'Rockapulco Wisteria' (above), new for 2016 gardens from Proven Winners, is joining the Rockapulco series of cutting-grown, double-flowered impatiens (*Impatiens walleriana*), producing flowers shaped like small roses with a blend of white and wisteria-lavender shades. The plants shown are planted in the ground, but we have also found that they are a nice addition to mixed containers.



'Florific Sweet Orange' (above), a seed-grown New Guinea impatiens (*Impatiens hawkeri*) from Syngenta Flowers and an All-America Selections winner for 2014, produces bicolored flowers in shades of light salmon and deeper orange. In Europe, New Guinea impatiens 'Florific Sweet Orange' also received a Fleuroselect Gold Medal award for 2015.



New for 2016 in the Divine series of seed-grown New Guinea impatiens (*Impatiens hawkeri*) from PanAmerican Seed, and creating a colorful display in the shadier section of the Trial Gardens, are New Guinea impatiens 'Divine Pink Improved' (above, top), 'Divine White' (above) and 'Divine Violet Improved' (left). Like other New Guinea impatiens, these varieties are resistant to impatiens downy mildew. 'Divine White' has repeatedly received our top rating of 5 out of 5 in this year's trials due to its prolific production of pure white flowers above the dark green foliage.



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.

