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a LOT worse and you will probably learn something by reading some well-written code!

<http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/homepage.html>

> Cheers and thanks in advance for any help or advice you may have.

Get a good book. There are a couple. :-)

> PS - My actual procedure to create the contoured data set, which calls
> READCOL is also given at the end of the posting. Any suggestions are
> greatly appreciated!

Uh, well. We don't normally use the PostScript device as a display device. (Actually, this seems to be common in astronomy. Are you an astronomer?) Most of us look at plots on the computer display. Then, when we see something we like, we make a PostScript file of it. You will get the hang of it soon. :-)

Cheers,

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>