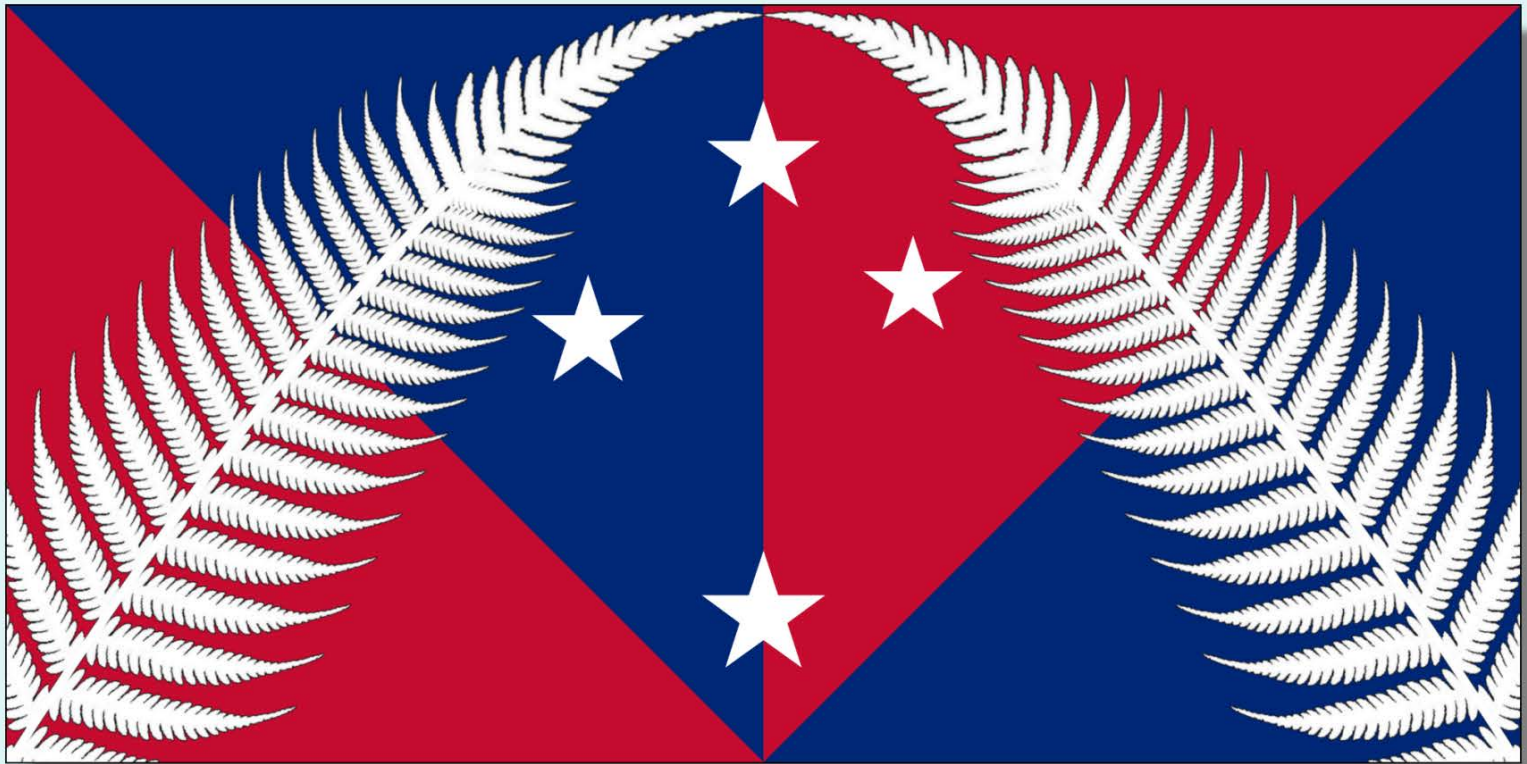


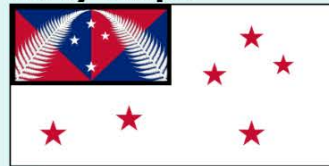
“Abracadabra variant 19”, an alternative New Zealand national flag design
(with suggested adaptations of the design to the other major flags and ensigns of the nation)



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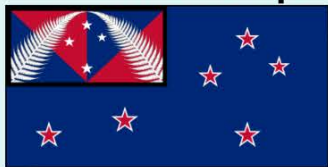
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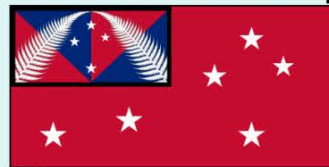
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Civil & merchant ships



Civil aviation



Yacht Squadron



Police Service



Fire & Emergency



Customs Service



NZ Olympic Committee



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Auckland



Wellington



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The two things that New Zealanders arguably love most about their current flag are its Southern Cross and its red-white-and-blue colour scheme, a flag-colour combination that is widely used and admired around the world. This variant of the original 'Abracadabra' flag design beautifully presents the three colours in proportions that are far more well-balanced than in the current flag. It does so by adopting the centred, traditional New Zealand-style Southern Cross and the full-length arch of silver fern fronds that were introduced in [Abracadabra variant 14](#), but here they have both been rendered in white against an abstract, red-and-blue 'NZ' field. Like all arches the one formed by the fern fronds may have a spiritual meaning for some individuals, whereas for others it may be reminiscent of whale-bone arches or of other actual arches around New Zealand, and for still others it may simply be visually pleasing. By its colours Abracadabra variant 19 pays homage to New Zealand's UK heritage, but by its content it is symbolic of New Zealand alone. With the addition of a black border it can easily become the canton of New Zealand's remaining flags and ensigns, as has been illustrated above.