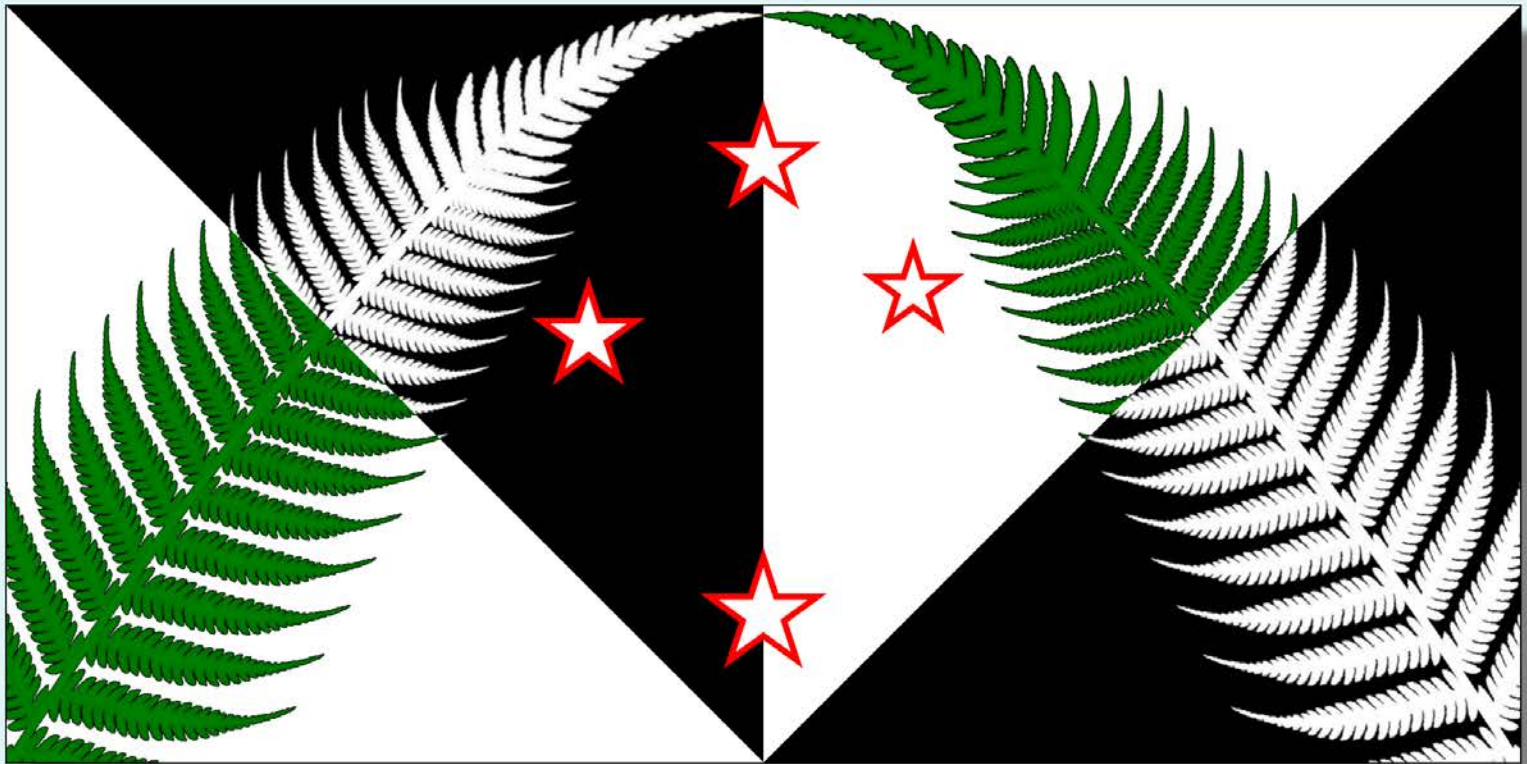


“Abracadabra variant 3”, an alternative New Zealand national flag design
(with suggested adaptations of the design to the other major flags and ensigns of the nation)



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Air Force



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This variant adds additional New Zealand symbolism to the basic abstract 'NZ' of the original black-and-white 'Abracadabra' flag design, in the form of two silver fern fronds and a four-star, New Zealand-style Southern Cross. Where each of the silver fern fronds spans a white triangle it has been rendered in green, which after all is the more prominent colour of not only the silver fern but of all of the other numerous varieties of ferns that blanket New Zealand. Making the black-and-white triangles far less stark, the fern fronds also form an attractive arch above the Southern Cross, which has been rendered as white stars with bright red borders so as to give it adequate contrast against its two-coloured background. As suggested above for the remaining flags and ensigns of the nation, the design can be reduced to a distinctive, red-bordered canton, with its Southern Cross moved to the fly where appropriate. As a national flag, Abracadabra variant 3 would be as distinctive as the UK Union Jack, and like that flag it can be readily reduced to a still-recognisable canton. Unlike that flag, however, it is symbolic of New Zealand itself, and not of a nation on the other side of the world.