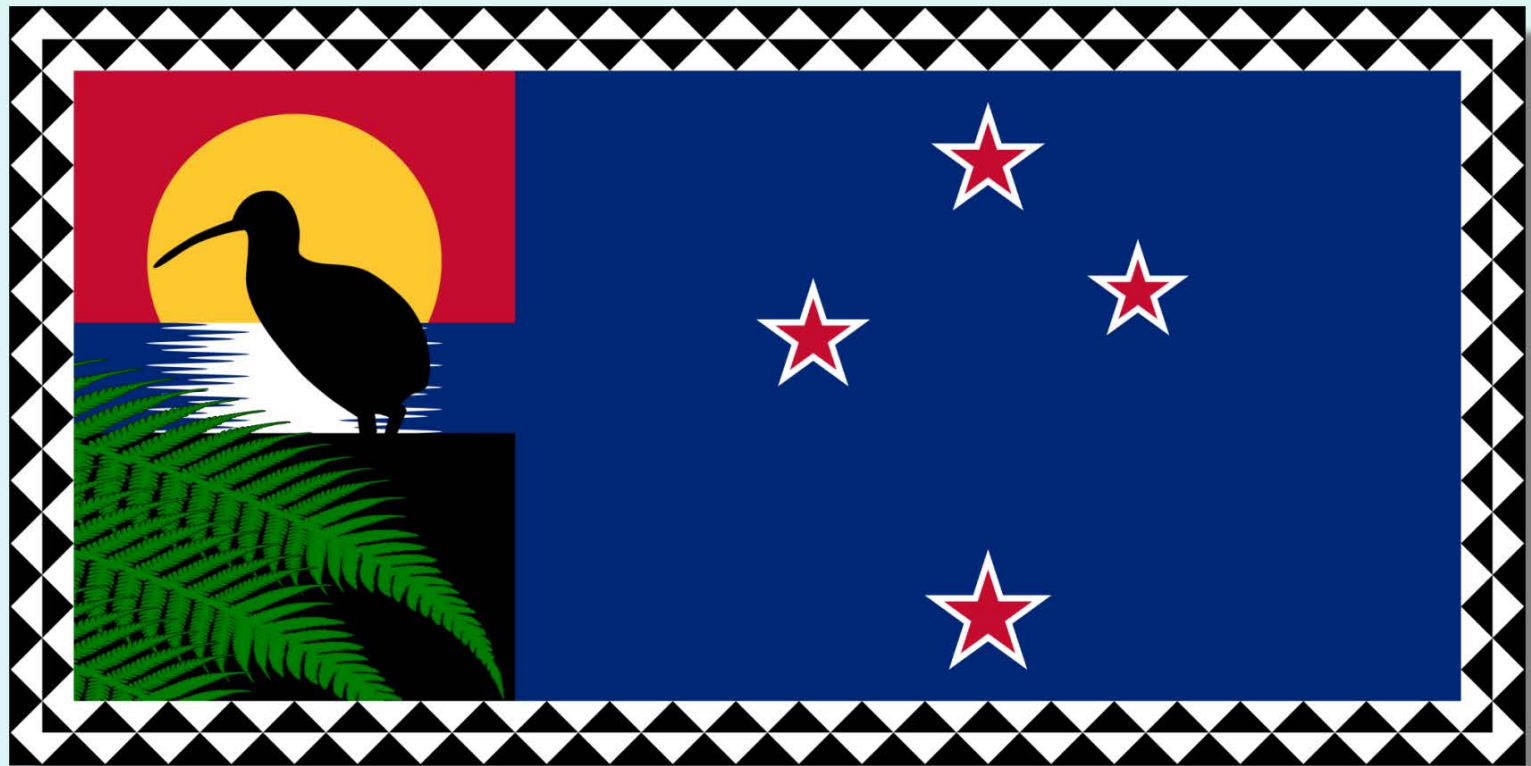


“Aesthetic Boundaries variant 2E”, an alternative New Zealand national flag design
(with suggested adaptations of the design to the other major flags and ensigns of the nation)



Army



Navy ships



Air Force



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Government ships



Civil & merchant ships



Civil aviation



Yacht Squadron



Police Service



Fire & Emergency



Customs Service



NZ Olympic Committee



Tokelau



Niue



Cook Islands



Ross Dependency



Auckland



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United Nations



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With the exception of its distinctive border, this flag design is identical to that of [Sunset Beachcomber variant 5A](#). A border that contrasts well with a flag's primary field colour will often make that flag more identifiable at any distance and in any wind, yet [flag designs with borders](#) are relatively rare, particularly in the case of national flags. Moreover they often use only a single colour, limiting their symbolism. Even when the borders are patterned they may only be decorative, although some patterns can be extremely symbolic, such as the Tukutuku of Māori. The border in 'variant 2E' may loosely be regarded as one with a Tukutuku pattern, but its main purpose is to strengthen the symbolism of the design by incorporating the New Zealand national colours of black-and-white, given that the design's primary colour-scheme is red-white-and-blue. The border's colours can be reversed to provide best possible contrast with the main field colours of other flags and ensigns of New Zealand, as shown above.