

“Alsophila Empire variant 10”, 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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As in the original 'Alsophila Empire' design, this variant uses black, quarter-area triangular fields at the hoist and at the fly, but this time they are horizontally symmetrical rather than diagonally symmetrical. Again the resulting central area has half of the total area of the flag, and it can easily accommodate a blue field and the traditional New Zealand-style red-and-white Southern Cross, or other fields and symbols as required by the remaining flags and ensigns of the nation, as illustrated above. Also as in the original design, this variant uses its black triangular fields as backgrounds for large fronds of *Alsophila dealbata*, New Zealand's ubiquitous silver fern, but in this case the fronds have been arranged to hang downwards, giving the effect that they are being seen at night in a view upwards, from beneath a canopy of such fronds.