## "Alsophila Empire variant 17", 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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Rendered to celebrate their green topsides as well as their whitish undersides, silver fern fronds extend for the full length of this flag design in a gracefully intertwined arrangement, whilst leaving a large and roughly oval-shaped centre area clear. For the national flag the fronds are placed on a black field, and the centre area is graced by the traditional red-and-white stars of the New Zealand-style Southern Cross. For the remaining flags and ensigns of the nation, the fronds and their centre area can accommodate other appropriate field colours, patterns, and emblems, as illustrated above. A vertical 'banner' version of the flag has been shown to the right. Particularly suitable for use as a pall, the banner version can also be used decoratively at various venues. The powerful symbolism and aesthetic symmetry of this unique design make it a fine choice for New Zealand's flag.

