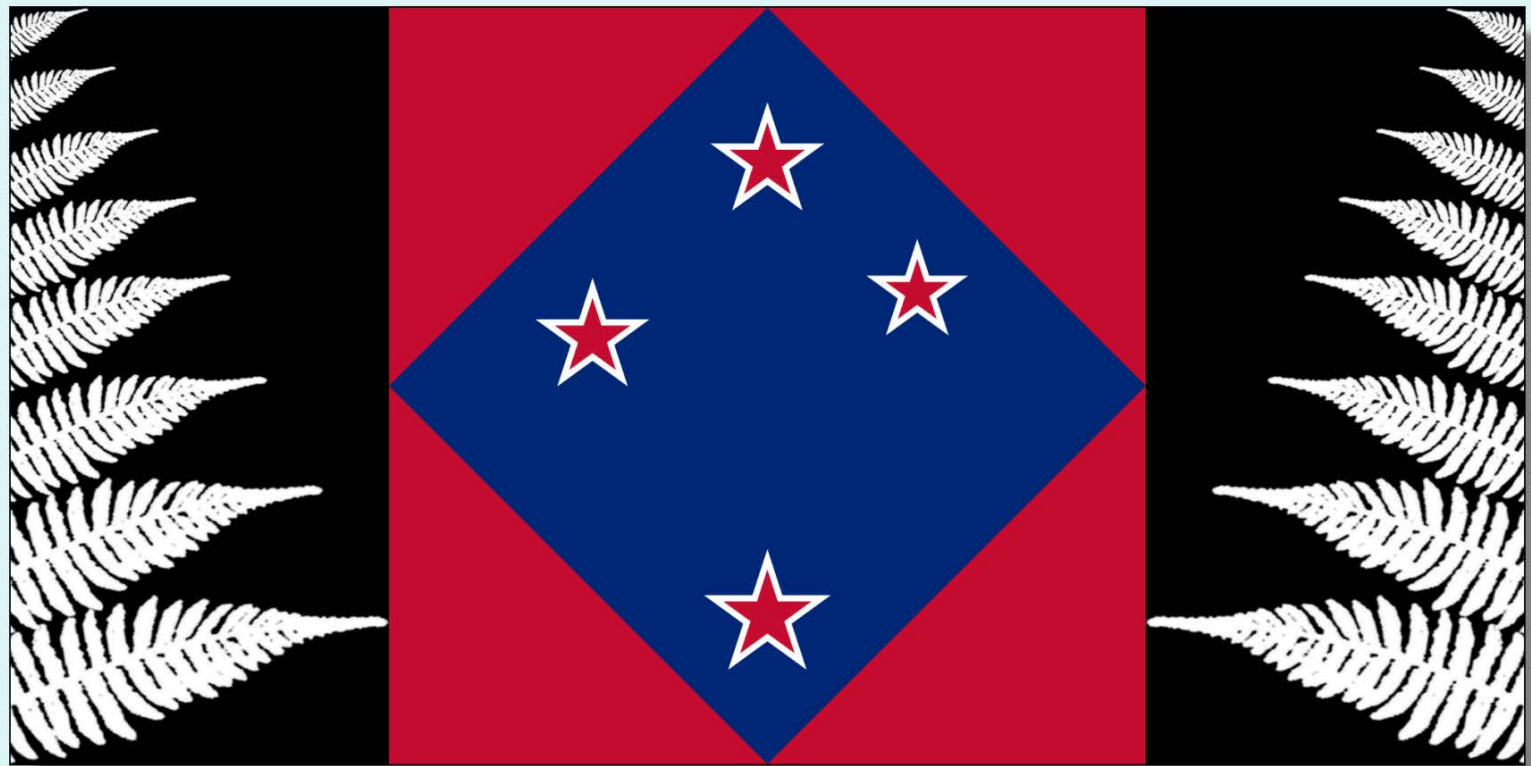


“Alsophila Empire variant 23”, an alternative New Zealand national flag design  
 (with suggested adaptations of the design to the other major flags and ensigns of the nation)



**Army**



**Navy ships**



**Air Force**



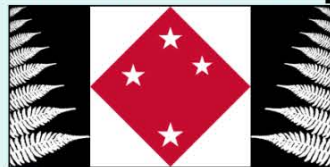
**RSA**



**Government ships**



**Civil & merchant ships**



**Civil aviation**



**Yacht Squadron**



**Police Service**



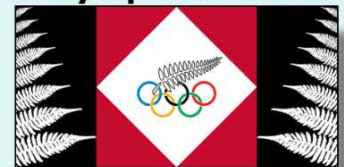
**Fire & Emergency**



**Customs Service**



**NZ Olympic Committee**



**Tokelau**



**Niue**



**Cook Islands**



**Ross Dependency**



**Auckland**



**Wellington**



**Christchurch**



**United Nations**



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Kiwis who have been overseas may realise that the 'Alsophila Empire variant 23' flag design has used the identical, near-realistic silver fern frond pattern that is imprinted on New Zealand passport covers. Those who carefully count the individual 'frondlets' in the design will twig that there are sixteen of them, numerically symbolising all of the official regions of New Zealand proper. Perhaps the most unique property of the design, though, is its use of a diamond-shaped central field. For the design of the national flag this field is blue, which allows it to accommodate the traditional red-and-white stars of a New Zealand-style Southern Cross, preserving the essential character of what is probably the most-loved feature of the current flag. Note as well that all four of New Zealand's de facto national colours are represented. For the remaining flags and ensigns of the nation, the diamond-shaped field can accommodate other symbolism as appropriate.