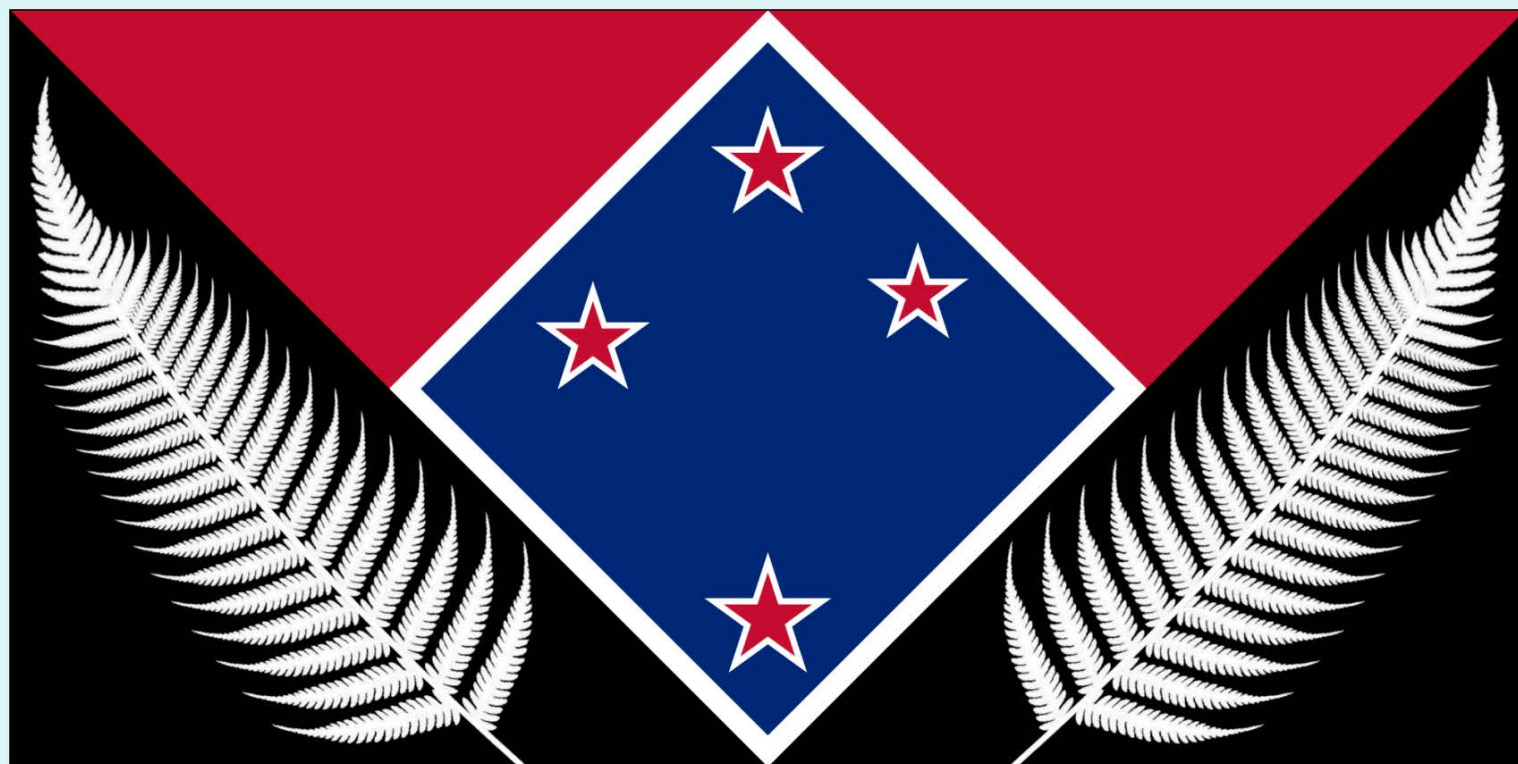


“Alsophila Empire variant 25”, an alternative New Zealand national flag design
(with suggested adaptations of the design to the other major flags and ensigns of the nation)



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“Alsophila Empire variant 25” is visually striking in several ways. Like [Alsophila Empire variant 23](#), it features a large, diamond-shaped central area with a blue field, graced by the red-and-white stars of the New Zealand-style Southern Cross, but here the blue field has been given a white border, providing it with strong contrast to a V-shaped red background area. Symmetrically cradling these areas are two large black wedges, each of them sporting a realistically-rendered Alsophila dealbata frond, rendered in white. Forming a bold ‘V’ themselves, the fronds are additionally redolent of wings, making for a flag that will ‘fly’ in more ways than one, and one that will be easily recognisable from any distance and in any wind. By preserving the wedges and fern fronds, but by altering the colours and symbols of the diamond-shaped central field, its border, and its V-shaped background, the motif of the design can readily be adapted to NZ’s remaining flags and ensigns.