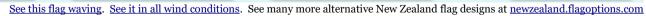
"Alsophila Empire variant 26", an alternative New Zealand national flag design (with suggested adaptations of the design to the other major flags and ensigns of the nation)







The design combines three of New Zealand's primary symbols and all of its de facto national colours. Additionally the design's sixteen red-and-black stripes are numerically symbolic of all of NZ's official regions. The large central 'V'-shape of the design can readily accommodate the various field colours, patterns, and

emblems of the remaining flags and ensigns of New Zealand, as illustrated above. With its plethora of symbolism and its utterly distinctive appearance, this flag design could unmistakably represent New Zealand both at home and on the world stage.

The colours depicted for red and blue in the design are graphic near-equivalents of the official Pantone values that are used in the current New Zealand national flag. Shown to the left is a possible variation of the design for use as a vertical banner and/or as a pall. Shown to the right is a similar design sans kiwi silhouettes that achieves a slightly different aesthetic by its arrangement of fern fronds.