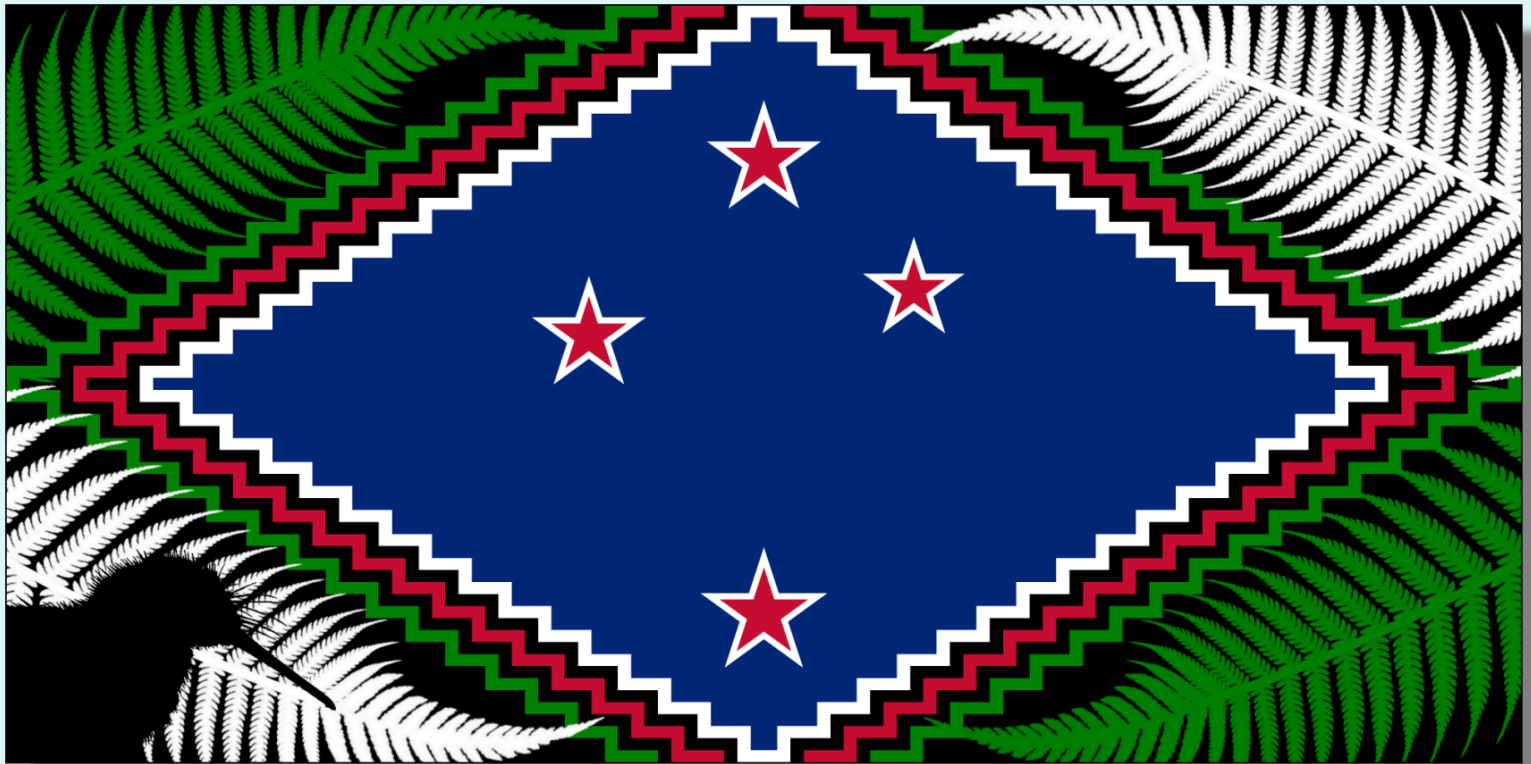


“Alsophila Empire variant 28”, an alternative New Zealand national flag design
(with suggested adaptations of the design to the other major flags and ensigns of the nation)



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Aside from the addition of green, along with all of the inherent positive symbolism of that colour, this design has all of the features of “[Alsophila Empire variant 27](#)”, including an utterly distinctive, tukutuku ‘stair-step’ pattern that borders a diamond or ‘lozenge’ shape spanning its full length, all of New Zealand’s de facto national colours, a kiwi in silhouette, and the well-loved and internationally-recognised New Zealand-style Southern Cross. Preserved in the basic tukutuku pattern are sixteen ‘steps’ in each of its stair-step ‘flights’, numerically symbolising all New Zealand’s official regions. Discernible from great distances, the lozenge also accommodates all of the various field colours and patterns of the remaining flags and ensigns of the nation, as illustrated above.