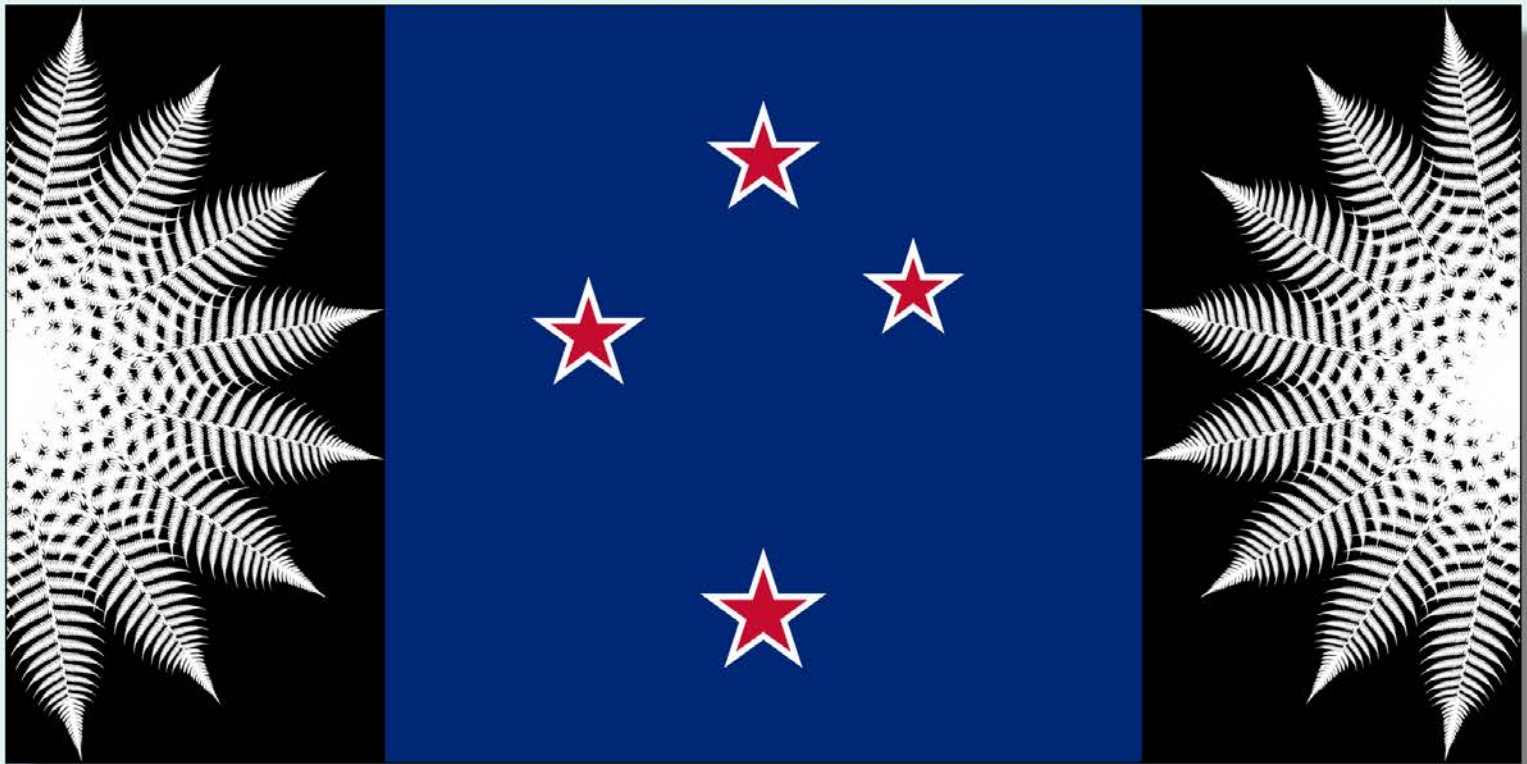


“Alsophila Empire variant 7”, an alternative New Zealand national flag design  
 (with suggested adaptations of the design to the other major flags and ensigns of the nation)



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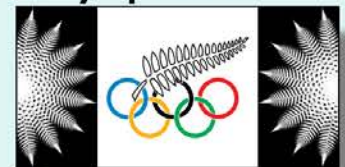
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This variant of 'Alsophila Empire' is built along the lines of the 'Canadian Pale', a vertical tribar design in which the outer vertical bars or 'pales' at the hoist and at the fly are each one quarter of the length of the flag, leaving a central pale that has one half of the flag's length and area. Here the outer pales have been given black fields, and the central pale can easily accommodate a blue field and the traditional New Zealand-style red-and-white Southern Cross, or other fields and symbols as required by the remaining flags and ensigns of the nation, as illustrated above. The black pales at the hoist and at the fly serve as backgrounds for upward views of an 'under-canopy' of *Alsophila dealbata*, New Zealand's ubiquitous silver fern. Together the canopies display sixteen fronds, representing all of the official regions of New Zealand proper.