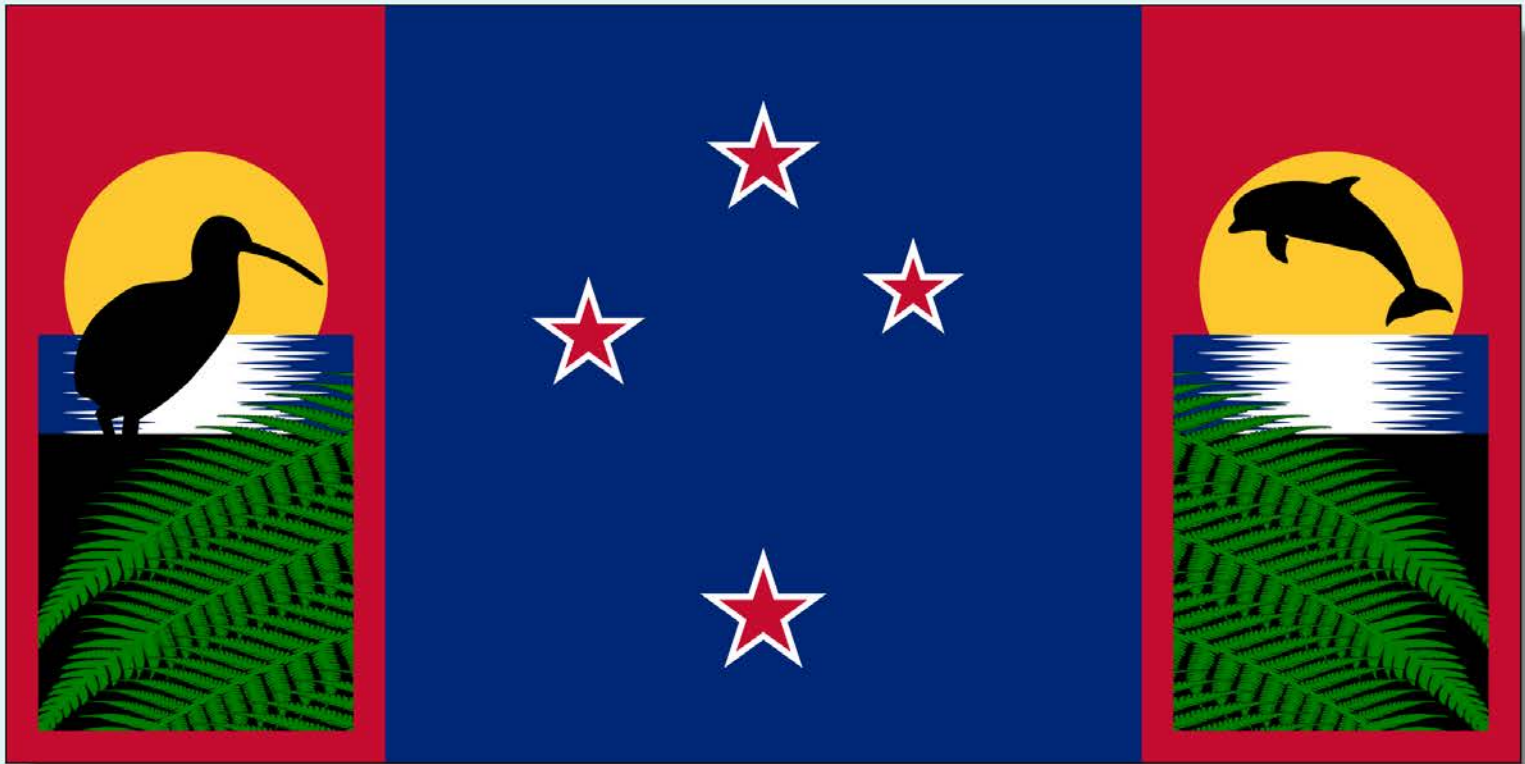


“Coast to Coast variant 2”, an alternative New Zealand national flag design
(with suggested adaptations of the design to the other major flags and ensigns of the nation)



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As in the original 'Coast to Coast' flag design and its other variants, this variant pays homage to New Zealand's sunrises over the Pacific and to its sunsets over the Tasman, by depicting respective hoist and fly scenes of a foraging kiwi and of a playful dolphin, both silhouetted by a rising or a setting sun. As a departure from the original design, this variant reverses the directions in which the kiwi and dolphin are facing in their respective scenes, and it places the scenes within wide red borders, each extending one-quarter of the length of the flag. The red borders arguably improve the visual contrast between the two scenes and the half-length central flag area that they flank, which for the national flag has been given a blue field and the red-and-white stars of the traditional New Zealand-style Southern Cross, and which for the remaining flags and ensigns of the nation readily accommodates other required field colours and symbols as shown above. This vibrant composition in white, black, red, green, blue, and gold is thus a fine candidate for a new NZ flag.