"Flanked by Ferns variant 16", 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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This variant of the '<u>Flanked by Ferns</u>' flag design matches the 'Canadian Pale' vertical tribar design of the original, but it changes the centre area to display the standard red-and-white New Zealand-style Southern Cross on a blue field. In addition, the lateral edges of the centre area have been given narrow white fimbriations, so as to effect a better visual separation between the dark field colours of the three bars of the flag. As before, the centre area readily accommodates the other field colours and symbols of the remaining flags and ensigns of the nation, as illustrated above, and as in all variants of this design, the white silver fern fronds have been rendered in near-realism against their black fields, so as to prevent them from looking like commonplace logos. Using all of New Zealand's national colours, this flag design may be a keeper.