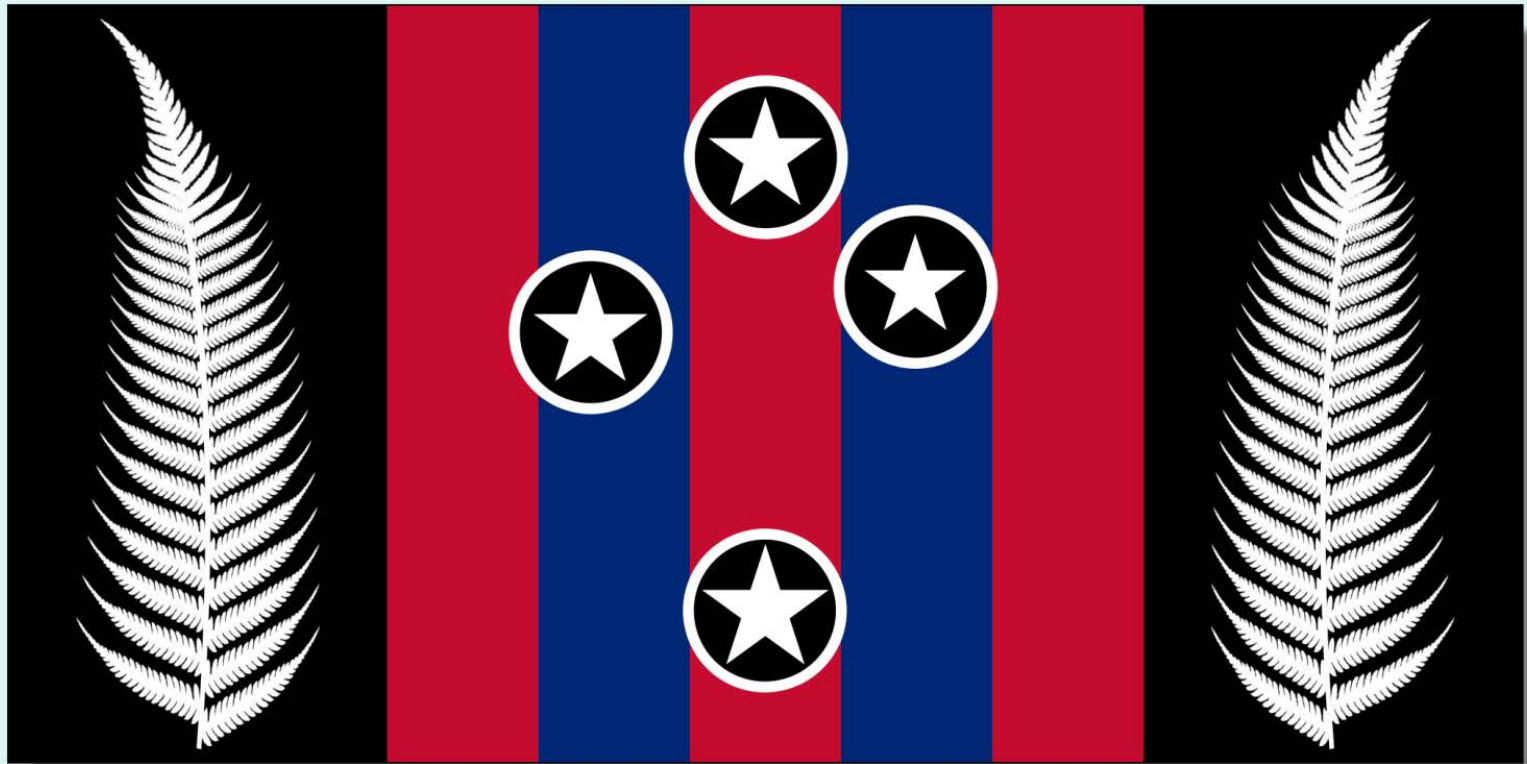


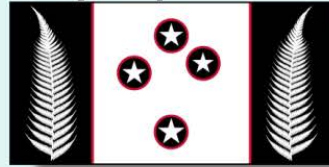
“Flanked by Ferns variant 9”, an alternative New Zealand national flag design  
(with suggested adaptations of the design to the other major flags and ensigns of the nation)



**Army**



**Navy ships**



**Air Force**



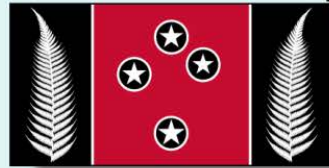
**RSA**



**Government ships**



**Civil & merchant ships**



**Civil aviation**



**Yacht Squadron**



**Police Service**



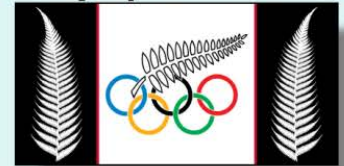
**Fire & Emergency**



**Customs Service**



**NZ Olympic Committee**



**Tokelau**



**Niue**



**Cook Islands**



**Ross Dependency**



**Auckland**



**Wellington**



**Christchurch**



**United Nations**



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Symmetrically depicted at both the hoist edge and the fly edge are vertical silver fern fronds on black fields. The fronds have been rendered realistically to prevent them from looking like logos. The area between the fern fronds is essentially what would be the fly on other flags, here given added prominence by its centring. The five red-and-blue stripes represent the main areas of the full Realm of New Zealand: Tokelau, Niue, the Cook Islands, the Ross Dependency, and New Zealand proper. The white-on-black stars of the Southern Cross are white-haloed, giving them maximum contrast as well as increased visibility from a distance. The unique treatment of the centred 'fly' is easily adapted to all of the other flags and ensigns of the nation, as illustrated above. In the de facto NZ national colours of red, white, blue, and black, the 'Flanked by Ferns variant 9' design will make for a distinctive, symbolic, practical, and easily-recognised New Zealand national flag.