

“Illumination 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)



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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As with the original 'Illumination' flag design and its other variants, this variant acknowledges the dual-colour nature of silver fern fronds, arranging one of each colour on the black field of the hoist. The diagonal cross of the fronds in the hoist harmonises visually with the vertical cross of stars in the fly, namely the New Zealand-style Southern Cross, rendered for the national flag in a white-stars version against a black field. The hoist remains as-is for the remaining flags and ensigns of the nation, with the field colour and symbols of the fly changing as required, as illustrated above. Black-and-white may be its official colours, but New Zealand is also a nation of verdant green, no small portion of which is provided by its ubiquitous silver ferns. This flag design tips a hat to that, as well as to the fact that both stars and whitish fern fronds can light the way for New Zealanders.