"Kiwiana variant 5", 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 has inherited some DNA from the vertical tribar arrangement known as the 'Canadian Pale', for which quarter-length bars at the hoist and at the fly bracket a centre area that has fully half of the total length and area of the flag, but here the two bracketing bars have been replaced by horizontally-symmetrical isosceles triangles, which also extend to quarter-length, but only at their apexes. The result is a centre area that has three-quarters of the total area of the flag, giving its field and its symbols increased visual dominance, whether they are the blue field and the red-and-white Southern Cross of the national flag, or the other fields and symbols that are required by the remaining flags and ensigns of the nation, as shown above. The triangular areas have been given wide red borders on their centre-facing sides. The triangle at the hoist sports a kiwi silhouette inside a white circle on a black field, whilst that of the fly has an arrangement of sixteen smaller B&W triangles, numerically symbolising all of the official regions of New Zealand proper.