"Reach Exceeding Grasp variant 6", 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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Centred in the hoist is a white-encircled black medallion in which five realistic silver fern fronds have been overlaid to form a 'star', harmonising visually with the white-haloed stars of the Southern Cross in the fly. The fern fronds as well as the five stars are representative of the five main areas of the full Realm of New Zealand: Tokelau, Niue, the Cook Islands, the Ross Dependency, and New Zealand proper. Reaching outwards from the centre of the hoist are sixteen red-and-white stripes, symbolising the official regions of New Zealand proper. The design can be adapted into an attractive lapel pin, and it will publish well both in colour and in greyscale. A special 'banner' version of the flag, with both its ferns and its Southern Cross left-rotated by 90 ° as shown to the left, will be uniquely distinctive when it is displayed vertically, and it will also be suitable for use as a pall.