## "Sunset Beachcomber variant 5A", 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 is identical to <u>variant 5</u> of the '<u>Sunset Beachcomber</u>' flag design, with the exception that three silver fern fronds have been added to its hoist tableau. Silver fern fronds, of course, are green in a normal view, and only whitish on their undersides. Here the fronds can numerically symbolise New Zealand's three main islands. The tableau of the large kiwi, having emerged from the bush to forage along a beach at sunset, occupies one-third the total length of the flag. In black-white-red-and-blue, the tableau displays all of the de facto national colours of New Zealand, along with a touch of gold, and now green. For the national flag, the two-thirds-length fly is given a blue field, graced by the traditional red-and-white stars of the New Zealand-style Southern Cross. The fly also readily accommodates the field colours and symbols of the remaining flags and ensigns of the nation, as illustrated above. NZ flag designs often show the kiwi little respect, but this one honours the namesake of the Kiwis.