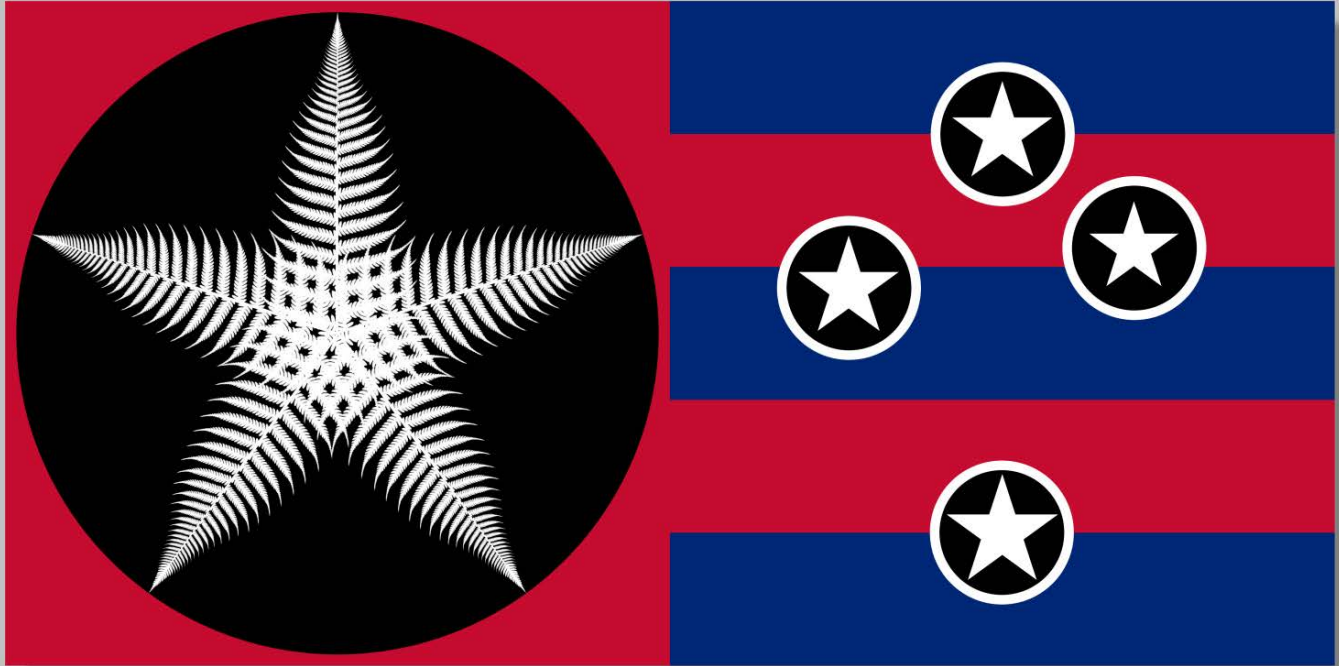


**"The Quintessential Realm", a New Zealand national flag design
(suggested derivative flags and ensigns are also depicted)**

Suggested flags for the Ross Dependency and for the South Island are based on previous designs by vexillologist James Dignan



Naval ships ensign



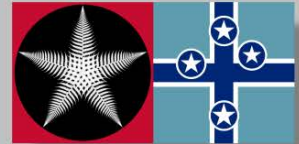
Air Force ensign



Civil ships ensign



Civil aviation ensign



Police Service ensign



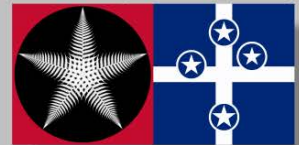
Fire Service ensign



Customs Service ensign



Yacht Squadron ensign



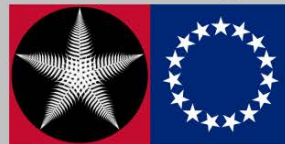
RSA ensign



Niue flag



Cook Islands flag



Tokelau flag



Ross Dependency flag



Army ensign



Government ensign



UN ensign



Chatham Islands flag



Stewart Island flag



Otago flag

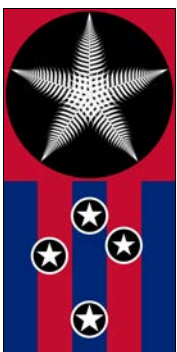


South Island flag



The design is named for 'quintessence', the philosophical 'fifth element' as well as a synonym for 'epitome'. From afar the hoist will seem to be composed of a large, five-pointed white star on a black circle, whereas in a closer view it will visually resolve into an arrangement of five silver fern fronds. The fronds are rendered in near-realism to prevent them from seeming like logos. The Southern Cross has been rendered with white stars on black circles, both to echo the 'star' of fronds and to afford maximum contrast and visibility. The silver fern fronds, the total number of 'stars', and the blue-and-red stripes of the fly represent the five major areas of the Realm of New Zealand: NZ proper, Niue, Tokelau, the Cook Islands, and the Ross Dependency.

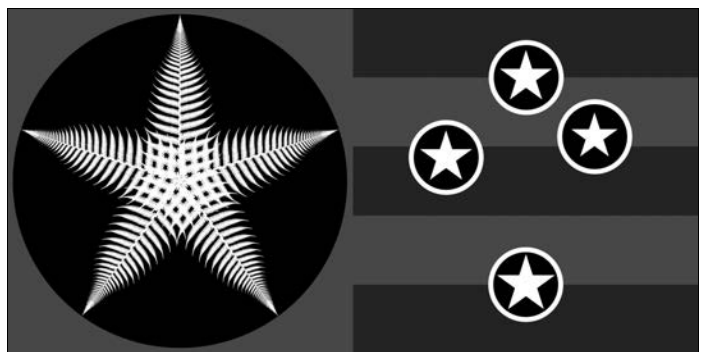
The image below shows how 'The Quintessential Realm' and its derived ensigns will appear in lack of wind.



The image to the left shows how a special 'banner' version of the flag will appear when draped vertically.

The image to the right shows how the flag will appear when it is published in grayscale.

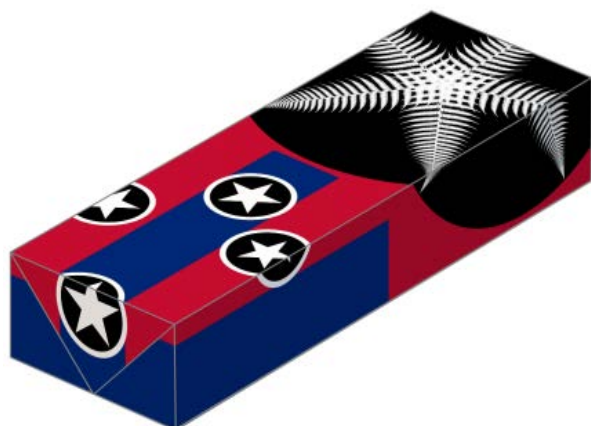
The image below shows how the banner version of the flag will appear when it is used as a pall.



The image to the left shows how the flag will appear when it is reduced in size to become a lapel pin.



The image to the left shows how the flag will appear when it is waving. In any wind and at any distance, it will be easy to recognise as the flag of New Zealand.



Dozens of additional New Zealand national flag designs can be found at: newzealand.flagoptions.com