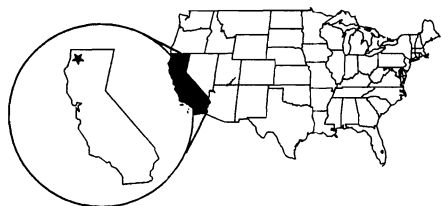


## TOLOWA



The Tolowa are located in northern California and share many of the customs, traits, and beliefs of the Miwok and other tribes. Religious ceremonies are significant tribal events and in some instances take place only among members of the tribe.

For this reason, the Tolowa based in Fort Dick have a flag that is considered a religious relic and is thus used only in Tolowa ceremonies (Letter, unsigned, 29 Dec. 1994). It not available for public view or dissemination, so it is not depicted here [see Kickapoo of Oklahoma]. This use of the Tolowa flag parallels another Miwok flag practice [see Olemitcha Miwok], which also restricts flags to ceremonial usage.

Ms. Andrea Bowen designed the flag. Its “deerskin” field bears black elements pertaining to the Tolowa people. The background color of the flag is likely buff, tan, or brown color since the local mule deer, is a light brown. 🦌