

Sprites (aka Forbidden Forest Sprites. Other varieties exist)

Average height: 5½ inches for females and 5½ inches for males

Average weight: Less than a pound

Lifespan: 12-14 years

Intellect: Similar to elves or humans but with perfect memory/recall

Food: Sunlight (50% of calories), plant matter (40%), insects or meat (10%)

Prey: Plants, insects, and small mammals

Predators: Birds, cats, dogs, bears, and other medium or larger carnivores
Litter size: 1 to 9 babies at a time. 4 is average. Identical twins more common.

Time to Adulthood: 18 months

Sprites are flying Fae people who are 1/12th the height of humans with glowing photosynthetic Dragon-Fly-like wings. Largely their physical features look like that of scaled down Wood Elves. Sprites perceive time 12 times faster than the big folk, and have to intentionally slow the speed of their talking down when speaking to them. They mate for life with both the males and females raising their young. Sprite stereotypes include them being inherently kind and good natured. They are also commonly thought to be extremely protective of their homes, and the forest more generally. While these attributes allude to broad cultural values amongst the Sprites of the Forbidden Forest; individuals differ as much as any other group.









Wood Elves

Average height: 5'9" (similar to human males for both male and female wood elves)

Appearance: Narrow, slender, dextrous, but weak (approximately 60% the shoulder and

hip width of humans). Have very long and pointy ears which point in the

direction of sounds they are listening to.

Hair: Usually blonde, sometimes brown, rarely red or black.

Skin: Very pale

Lifespan: Around 1000 years (ageing slowed magically due to a symbiotic relationship

with the forest spirits [cultural and biological])

Eyesight: Can see better at great distances, but worse than average night vision.

Tattoos: Only once turned 21 and has had the coming-of-age ceremony (cannot be

performed after the age of one day before turning 22 – will be cut off from the forest). Tattoos Glows dimly green, one long continuous line tattoo which touches each body part below the neck but frequently on face also (symbolizes interconnectedness of everything and helps magic of the forest

spirits flow around the body [vaguely Celtic in style]).

Language: "Elvish" ("Modern Wood Elvish" to those outside the forest) is a very

conservative form of Elvish trying to remain unchanged over millennia.

Society: Tries to remain unchanged as their way of life is "the only one" that is able

to live in harmony with nature while allowing "all" members to be

comfortable (these assertions may not be true).



Pixie

Average height: 1-3 feet tall
Average weight: 10-30 lbs
Lifespan: 300 years

Intellect: Similar to elves or humans

Food: Plants

Pixies are flying Fae people who are mischievous tricksters who are also frequently helpful once adequately entertained. Their societies are formed of clans and they live in villages high up in trees.



Will-o-the-wisp

Variably sized ball of light which can pass through people and objects. It is a spirit trapped between lives/worlds. The forest has become filled with them.



Ereb

Average height: 5½ inches for females and 5½ inches for males

Average weight: Less than a pound

Lifespan: 2-5 years

Intellect: Bestial/infected mind

Food: Sprites, pixies, big folk if they can get them

Predators: Wood Elves, birds, cats, dogs, bears, and other medium or larger carnivores

Ereb are Sprites who were bitten by an Ereb but were not successfully killed or eaten. Their numbers wax and wane – but the Wood Elves do what they can to keep their numbers in check.