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These two graphs highlight the populations of the different species in The Silmarillion and The Lord of the Rings. "Beasts" is used to represent those of the animal kingdom which can converse with the Thinking Peoples, such as Gwaihir the eagle. This seems to be the least changing category.

It is interesting that in LOTR, which is supposed to represent the beginning of the Age of Man, there are many species playing major roles.