

## The Sindar

The Sindar are elves of Telerin origin (the third and greatest of the three Elf-kindreds). They came to the western shores of Middle-earth with the others of their kin, although they did not pass across the sea, but remained in Beleriand. Some had stayed there searching for their lord, Elwë, while others were convinced to remain by Ossë the Maia. The Sindar called themselves Edhil.

Before the Noldor returned to Middle-earth, the Sindar were found in most parts of Beleriand. All claimed that Elwë (known as Thingol in the Sindarin tongue) was their high king. There were two main countries of the Sindar, however; in Doriath under the rule of Thingol and Melian, and in the Falas, under the lordship of Círdan the Shipwright.

