

Otherkin Lexicon

A Multi-Lingual Dictionary of Jargon Used in the Communities of
Otherkin, Therianthropes, and Other Similar Peoples

ABRIDGED EDITION
Version 0.1 - 2013-01-21

By O. Scribner

This free eBook is
RATED PG

This document is safe for work, but some links lead to web-sites that are not.

(cc by-nc-sa) 2012 by O. Scribner



Creative Commons license: Attribution, Non-Commercial, Share Alike (cc by-nc-sa)

This means that you have permission to download, share, and print this free e-book, so long as you credit O. Scribner as the original author, don't sell it, and don't make money off it. You can even modify this e-book, on the condition that you share it under identical terms.

Original file location: <http://orion.kitsunet.net>

Summary

A specialized dictionary of over three hundred words and phrases used in the way of talk of the communities of otherkin, therianthropes, and similar peoples. (This abridged edition gives over one hundred words and phrases only.) Much of this jargon is only used by the communities in question, or with different senses than in standard talk. Their jargon sometimes makes their talk and writing hard to understand. This dictionary gives jargon from parts of those communities in English, as well as those in other languages, such as Portuguese, Russian, Swedish, and Ukrainian. Every definition includes source citations in endnotes, to show that the words are usually used as told here.

Keywords: dæmon, dragon, Elenari, otherkin, shapeshift, slang dictionary, spirituality, therianthrope.

Illustrations. None.

Rated PG. This document itself is safe for work. If you try to go to any given links to other websites, you do so at your own risk.

Warning. Some parts of this book are about ideas that may upset some people, such as: Occult. Profanity. Slurs against several kinds of people.

Author. O. Scribner has been active in the otherkin and therianthrope communities for over ten years, and so has familiarity with what they are like, how they talk, and what they have written.

Cite This Book

Please cite my book in your own research! I'll even help you do it right. Contrary to popular misconception, not all content on the Internet is in the public domain, and students *must* cite the sources for any online content that they use as a source for their research. If you cite my book in a research essay, please tell me.

Replace the red letters with your current date. You might have to make other some adjustments. Even now, authorities disagree on the format to cite electronic sources, so ask your professors about their preferred standards.

APA format (on References page)

Scribner, O. (2012 Sept. 8). Otherkin lexicon: A multi-lingual dictionary of jargon used in the communities of otherkin, therianthropes, and other similar peoples, v. 0.1 Abridged. *The Art and Writing of O. Scribner*. Retrieved month day, year from <http://orion.kitsunet.net/nonfic.html>

Chicago style (in Bibliography)

Scribner, O. "Otherkin lexicon: A multi-lingual dictionary of jargon used in the communities of otherkin, therianthropes, and other similar peoples, v. 0.1 Abridged." Last modified Sept. 8, 2012 in *The Art and Writing of O. Scribner*. Accessed month day, year. <http://orion.kitsunet.net/nonfic.html>

Chicago style (in footnotes)

O. Scribner, "Otherkin lexicon: A multi-lingual dictionary of jargon used in the communities of otherkin, therianthropes, and other similar peoples, v. 0.1 Abridged," last modified Sept. 8, 2012 in *The Art and Writing of O. Scribner*. Accessed month day, year, <http://orion.kitsunet.net/nonfic.html>

MLA format (on Works Cited page)

Scribner, O. "Otherkin lexicon: A multi-lingual dictionary of jargon used in the communities of otherkin, therianthropes, and other similar peoples, v. 0.1 Abridged." *The Art and Writing of O. Scribner*. 8 September, 2012. Web. Day month, year. <<http://orion.kitsunet.net/nonfic.html>>

MLA format (in footnotes or endnotes)

O. Scribner, "A Otherkin lexicon: A multi-lingual dictionary of jargon used in the communities of otherkin, therianthropes, and other similar peoples, v. 0.1 Abridged," *The Art and Writing of O. Scribner*. 8 September, 2012, day month, year <<http://orion.kitsunet.net/nonfic.html>>.

Table of Contents

Summary ...	2
Cite This Book ...	3
Table of Contents ...	4
Introduction ...	7

The Lexicon ...	9
-----------------	---

This is an abridged edition of the lexicon. This edition includes entries only for those terms which haven't been struck out in this table of contents. The included entries are those for which I have found sources proving to satisfaction that they have been used in the way outlined by their definitions.

I struck out certain terms in this list to indicate that those entries are absent from this edition. Entries for struck-out terms may appear in later, more complete editions of the lexicon. For those terms, I am either considering whether it's appropriate to include the term in this lexicon, or I am still researching and writing the term's definition.

A ... 9

Aelveron. AFD. AHWW. ~~ailuranthrope~~. alardan. ALF. Alfandra. Alfandria. ~~alpha~~. alter. Altfandra. alt.fan.dragons. alt.horror.werewolves. ALS. ~~alt.lifestyle.furry~~. anima. *animal interior*. ~~animality~~. ~~animal person~~. animal side. animal spirit guide. antherion. anthropomorphic. apparition shift. Apple. Aristasia. artificial. artificial shifter. aspected. AS. a-shift. astral body. astral plane. astral projection. astral shift. astral travel. astral vampire. attributes shift. aura. aura shift. Awakening. Awere [sic]. awereness.

B ... 10

being. berserker. berserk shift. bilocation. bilocation shift. bitch. bitch pack. Blend-a-kin. body-~~otherkin~~. borrow. BrightMoon. BS.

C ... 11

Calling. ~~cameo shift~~. catalyst. changeling. Change Time. eladotherian. eladotherianthrope. eladotherianthropy. classical shift. clinical lycanthrope. come out. contherian. contherianthrope. contherianthropy. Corruption, the. cross-form. cultivation. cynanthrope.

D ... 12

dæmian. dæmon. dæmonism. dæmonology. Dai'ari. daimon. ~~demon~~. *despertando*. *despertar*. *desperto*. Des'tai. ~~deva~~. Dominance, the. draconic. draconity. Draestari. dragon. dragonkin. *drakonnist* (Драконність). ~~Dreaming~~. dream shift. DS. d-shift. ~~dysmorphia~~. ~~dysphoria~~.

E ... 15

Elda. Eldamar. Elenari. Elphame. ~~elven princess syndrome~~. emotional vampire. emotional shift. e-shift. ~~etheric body~~. ~~etheric plane~~. ~~etheric shift~~.

F ... 16

Faerie moans. ~~Fairth~~. ~~Familiar~~. Fae. ~~Fae-born~~. ~~Faeid~~. ~~Faerie~~. Fey. ~~fiction-kin~~. fluid. FOL. friend of lycanthrope. fruit. fruiting day. ~~furry~~. ~~furry-persona~~.

G ... 17

Gae'ari. ~~Gate~~. gather. George. ghost shift. ~~glamour~~. ~~glamour-bomb~~. glamour shift. graymuzzle. greggil. ~~guardian~~.

H ... 18

~~hallucinogenic-shifter~~. hatching day. -heart. ~~hereditary-shifter~~. ~~homemade-physical-shifter~~. host. House. Howl. ~~human~~. ~~human-side~~. ~~hunter~~.

I ... 19

illusion shift. ~~instantaneous-shifter~~. integrated shifter. ~~intemorph~~. ~~invoke~~.

K ... 20

Kalthilas. Kella. 'kin. -kin. kinfeels. ~~kin-type~~. ~~kin-side~~. *konteriantropiya* (Контериантропия). ~~kynanthrope~~.

L ... 21

~~lifestyler~~. Listari. ~~loup-guru~~. lucid dream shift. lycanthrope. lycanthropy.

M ... 22

magical shift. ~~media-kin~~. mental shift. ~~mental-therianthropy~~. ~~mental-Were~~. ~~metahuman~~. metalimb. ~~molecular-shifter~~. ~~monkeyboy~~. MS. m-shifter. *mudança*. ~~multiple~~. ~~mundane~~.

N ... 23

~~natural-born-physical-shifter~~. ~~natural-shifter~~. ~~nonhuman~~. normal folk.

O ... 24

old fruit. ~~otakin~~. ~~otaku~~. ~~otaku-kin~~. otherkind. otherkin. ~~otherkinism~~. ~~otherkins~~. Otherkin Reiki. otherlimb.

P ... 26

~~pack~~. ~~packmate~~. perception shift. ~~personal-furry~~. ~~personality-shifter~~. ~~persona-shifter~~. ~~phantom-body~~. ~~phantom-limb~~. ~~phantom-shifter~~. ~~phenotype~~. PHS. ~~ph-shifter~~. physical shift. ~~physical-Were~~. polymorph. poly-shifter. polytherian. polywere. ~~posing~~. ~~possession-shifter~~. PS. Pser. p-shifter. ~~projection~~. ~~projection-shifter~~. ~~prowl~~. PRS. ~~psi-vamp~~.

Q

Quinotauri.

R

~~Re-Awakening~~. ~~relocation-shifter~~.

S ... 28

schizomorph. Seeming. Sel'ar. s'elf. sense shift. separatist. settle. shadow shift. shamanic shift. shape-stealer. shift. shifter. shifter's disease. shifting energy. sidereal body. Shiri. skin. skin-stealer. skin-walk. sleeper. -soul. soulbond. spirit guide. spirit shift. spiritual therianthropy. spiritual Were. s-shift. SST. star person. star seed. stress shift. suntherianthropy. surrogate form. SWS. symp. syntherianthropy.

T ... 31

Tellurian. *terianami* (терианами). *teriantropi*. *terry* (терри). therian. therianthrope. ~~therianthropie~~. therianthropy. *theriantipo*. *theriantropo*. theriantype. ~~theriomorph~~. ~~theriomorphic~~. ~~theriophobia~~. ~~theriopneuma~~. therioside. *teriostoronoy* (териостороной). *teriotipom* (териотипом). theriotype. ~~totem~~. totemist. totem spirit. trans-species. triggered shift. true form. trueformation. true name. t-shift. Tulari. typist.

U

uberwolf. unseparated. unsettled. Unveiling, the.

V

vampire. vampyre. Veil, the. viable form. Vor'jen.

W ... 33

Walk-In. Were. Were-. Werebeast. ~~WereCard~~. ~~Werecreature~~. ~~Weredar~~. ~~Wereism~~. ~~Werekin~~. ~~Werename~~. ~~Werenature~~. ~~Wereshape~~. ~~Wereside~~. werewolf. werewolf sympathizer. ~~werewoof~~. ~~wild shift~~. ~~wolf spit~~. Woodchipper Were.

Y

Yearning.

Z ... 35

zverolyudmi (зверолюдьми).

Endnotes ...	36
Bibliography ...	56
Index ...	64

Introduction

Although this book is titled *The Otherkin Lexicon*, it gives jargon for many kinds of people other than otherkin. In this book, I don't use the word "otherkin" as an umbrella term that lumps together the otherkin and therianthrope communities, as if they were one unified community. In this book, the word "otherkin" refers only to the otherkin community *proper*, because the otherkin community's cultural distinctions include that it uses a different body of jargon for than the therianthrope community.

In addition to otherkin and therianthropes, this book collects jargon from some other communities that are separate, but have some similar ideas. Currently, this book includes jargon from the dæmian and dragon communities. In the future, this book should include jargon from the furry, multiple, star-seed, and vampire communities.

If you haven't heard of otherkin or therianthropes before, just look them up in this dictionary.

People make up specialized jargon because they need to talk about unusual ideas that are hard to talk about using ordinary words. Talking about difficult ideas becomes easier to do when people make new words for that purpose. Jargon helps peers understand one another better. On the other hand, jargon makes them harder for outsiders to understand their talk at all. Some people think separating insiders from outsiders is a good thing, whereas other people dislike jargon for that very reason.

This is an abridged edition of the otherkin lexicon. It omits many entries, because I'm still researching them. To find out which words are or aren't defined here, see the table of contents.

Most words here are either pronounced as normal for their language, or if they are pronounced differently, I haven't found any clear descriptions of how they should be pronounced. A few entries give pronunciation in the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA). If you want to learn how to use IPA, the Wikipedia page about IPA tells how, and you can even listen to sound files there.

I write all dates in year-month-day format. I cite all sources in endnotes.

Gender-neutral pronouns (such as the singular "they" and the newly made "xe") can cause problems for automatic translators and screen-readers, so I don't use them in this book. I decided to randomly choose a pronoun for each entry that needs to talk about a non-specific person, so some entries talk about "him" and some entries talk about "her." Don't take that to mean that the person in question needs to be someone who goes by those pronouns, because those could just as easily have been reversed. In reality, the person in question could identify as any gender and use any pronouns. Demographic surveys show that the otherkin and therianthrope communities are made up of many genders. Even if an entry talks about a therianthrope as "she," there are also many therianthropes who want to be called "he," or by some other pronoun.

Abbreviations used in this book:

abbrev. abbreviation

adj. adjective

comm. community

E. English

est. established

Gk. Greek

L. Latin

n. noun

pl. plural

syn. synonym

v. verb

Gentle reader, I hope this lexicon helps you to understand the talk and writing of otherkin, therianthropes, and other similar peoples. Please enjoy it. If you find any problems in it, please e-mail me.

- O. Scribner

2013-01-21

The Lexicon

A

Aelveron, n. (elven otherkin comm., Elenari only) As recalled from the shared past lives of real people who identify as Elenari otherkin, Aelveron is one of the Elenari home-worlds.¹

AFD, n. (dragon otherkin comm.) [Circa 1995] Abbreviation of alt.fan.dragons,² which see.

AHWW, n. (therian comm.) [Circa 1995] Abbreviation of alt.horror.werewolves,³ which see. Also written as AHWw.

alardan, n.

1. (fiction) In Katharine Kerr's "Deverry cycle" fantasy novel series (1986-present), an *alardan* is a meeting or meeting-place of a few groups of elves.

2. (otherkin comm., Elven Realities mailing list only?) [Adopted 1999] (Obsolete about 2001) This word was adopted from the above fantasy series to refer to small in-person gatherings of otherkin.⁴ It was used from 1999 to about 2001 in the Elven Realities mailing list.⁵ Syn. gather.

Alfandra, n. (dragon otherkin comm.) [circa 1997]⁶ Variant spelling of Alfandria.

Alfandria, n. (dragon otherkin comm.) [circa 1997]⁷

1. Nickname for the alt.fan.dragons newsgroup,⁸ from the title of the same.

2. [Est. 1998.⁹] AlfandriaMUCK. A certain MUCK (Multi-User Chat Kingdom) spin-off of alt.fan.dragons.¹⁰

3. The fictional country in which role-play takes place in alt.fan.dragons and in the MUCK. Also Altfandra, Alfandra.

Altfandra, n. (dragon otherkin comm.) Variant spelling of Alfandria.

alt.fan.dragons, n. (dragon otherkin comm.) [Created in 1993 by ExistingPhantom] A newsgroup for talking about dragons in fiction, made in 1993.¹¹ Later, it became a place where people pretended to be dragons (role-play), and talked about how they were really like dragons in spirit (draconity). This is one of the main places where spiritual draconity was first talked about, and remained the center of the dragon otherkin community until about 2002. They gave their newsgroup at least 144 different whimsical nicknames.¹² This book lists only the few nicknames that they usually used. Note that most newsgroups were named with the prefix "alt" (alternate or alternative).

Abbrev. AFD. Nicknames include Alfandra, Alfandria, Altfandra, and the Dominance.

alt.horror.werewolves, n. (therian comm.) [1992] A newsgroup for talking about werewolves in horror movies and fiction, established in 1992.¹³ Later, it became a place where people talked about feeling like they were werewolves in real life, and they explored werewolf spirituality and therianthropy.¹⁴ Note that most newsgroups were named with the prefix "alt" (alternate or alternative). Abbrev. AHWW.

animal interior, n. (therian comm., Portuguese language only) Portuguese for "inner animal."¹⁵

Awere, adj. (therian comm.) [Circa 1998, aware + werewolf¹⁶] When a person first comes to understand that he is an animal at heart (a Were), he is said to have become "awere" [sic].¹⁷ Compare Awakening.

B

blend-a-kin, n. (otherkin comm.) [2006, E. blended + otherkin] (Derogatory.¹⁸) A person who identifies as several kinds of creatures, some of which may be supernatural. Non-derogatory equivalent terms include hybrid, polywere.

BrightMoon, n. (elven otherkin comm., Elenari only) As recalled from the shared past lives of real people who identify as Elenari otherkin, BrightMoon is one of the Elenari homeworlds.¹⁹

C

catalyst, n. (therian comm. and otherkin comm.) Greene is the only therianthrope I know of who uses this word in the following way:

“A person (usually a shifter, sometimes only a person with animal medicine, occasionally a mere psychic) who can manipulate the shifting energy of others. Usually, catalysts involuntarily increase the shifting energy of anyone they are near. Occasionally, they can manipulate it at will and in finer ways, building or draining it, and thereby guiding shifters through mental shifts. Some of them can cause involuntary mental shifts in others.”²⁰

Greene says that catalysts are people who can make nearby therianthropes feel more or less like animals. I haven't seen the word used in the therianthrope community this way. Arethinn e-mailed me to say that the term has been used in the otherkin community in the sense that Greene gives.²¹

D

dæmian [di:'mi:ən, de:'mi:ən²²] n. (dæmian comm.) [2003 in the Dæmon Page forums.²³]

A real person who chooses to often picture in their imagination (visualize) a part of their own personality as an animal-shaped entity, an entity which they call a “dæmon” (which see), and “talking” (in silent thought) with this dæmon. Dæmians believe that this philosophical practice is a way to grow in self-understanding.²⁴

Variant spelling: daemian. Contrast animal person, therianthrope, totemist.

dæmon, n.

1. [di:'mən] In Classical Greek and Roman mythology, a class of entities between Olympian gods and humans in rank. These include nature spirits, personifications of concepts (such as love and death), and people’s inner voices that tell them right and wrong (their *eudemon* and *cacodemon*, respectively). The eudemon was said to whisper good advice into a person’s right ear. We might call it the intuition. Classical art showed dæmons as humans with wings like birds. Later Christian pictures of angels were based on these. Also daimon, daemon, demon. Compare demon, deva, guardian spirit.

2. [di:'mən,²⁵ de:'mən²⁶] (dæmian comm.) [2003 in the *Dæmon Page* forums.²⁷] Based on the dæmons of Philip Pullman’s *His Dark Materials* fantasy series, which he in turn based on the Classical concept of the eudemon (described above). According to *The Dæmon Page*,

“A personified version of the second half of someone’s mental dialogue, usually mentally represented in an animal form. Usually has a name, gender and personality; usually the dæmon’s personality is at least somewhat different from that of the person.”²⁸

Real people who imagine that they have dæmons call themselves dæmians, which see.

Variant spelling: daemon. Compare animal side, animal spirit, guardian spirit, totem.

dæmonism, n. (dæmian comm.) “The practice of speaking to a dæmon,”²⁹ which see. Variant spelling: daemonism. Syn. dæmonology.

dæmonology, n. (dæmian comm.) Again, the practice of speaking to a dæmon, which see. Some dæmians like this word better because of “its connotation of study and knowledge rather than religion.”³⁰ Variant spelling: daemonology.

Dai’ari, n. (elven otherkin comm., Elenari only) A race of the Elenari, according to the shared past life memories of real people who consider themselves Elenari otherkin.³¹

daimon, n.

1. (Classical mythology) Dæmon, which see.

2. (dæmian comm.) According to *The Dæmon Page*, “Another word for ‘dæmon.’ Taken from the Greek spelling and sometimes used by members wishing to differentiate it from the word ‘demon.’ Also used as the spelling of ‘dæmon’ in some translations of *His Dark Materials* [Pullman’s fantasy novel series].”³²

despertando, n. (therian comm., in Portuguese language only) A person who is Awakening, currently discovering his/her animal side, or discovering the therian community.³³

despertar, v. (therian comm., in Portuguese language only) Awakening. An event in which a person discovers his/her animal side.³⁴

desperto, n. (therian comm., in Portuguese language only) A therianthrope who is currently aware of his/her animal side *and* the therianthrope community.³⁵

Des’tai, (elven otherkin comm., Elenari only) A philosophical concept from Elenari culture.

“A term in one specific remembered-language (Elenari) which means ‘On one’s (karmic) path.’ Used as a blessing. (see offsite article Des'tai at Elenari.net)”³⁶

Dominance, the, n. (dragon otherkin comm.) [Circa 1999?] The Dominance of Dragons. A nickname for alt.fan.dragons,³⁷ which see.

draconic, adj. [1670 L. *dracō* dragon + *ic*]

1. Of, like, or pertaining to a dragon. The adjectival form of “dragon.”

2. (dragon otherkin comm.) [Adopted into use in alt.fan.dragons at least by 1995.³⁸]

Real people who identify as dragons say that they are draconic, and speak of having traits that are draconic.³⁹

draconity, n. (dragon otherkin comm.) The state, condition, or quality of being a dragon or like a dragon. Real people who identify as dragons speak of that experience as their draconity. For those who believe they are dragons in spirit, that spiritual belief is called draconity.⁴⁰ For other dragons, they consider it to be a spiritual belief “no more [...] than it is for a human to believe he is human. Draconity is to dragons as humanity is to humans.”⁴¹ Their draconity is the part of their self which is like a dragon. How and why they consider themselves to be dragons is a personal matter, determined for their own self. “It is up to each individual person what to make of their draconity.”⁴² For more about people who identify as dragons, see the entry for “dragon.” Compare awereness [sic], therianthropy.

Draestari, n. (elven otherkin comm., Elenari only) A race of the Elenari, according to the shared past life memories of real people who consider themselves Elenari otherkin.⁴³

dragon, n. (dragon otherkin comm.) Real people who identify as dragons. For some, this identification is a personal spiritual belief. Although there were dragons in the otherkin community as far back as 1990,⁴⁴ the dragon community itself originated in alt.fan.dragons in about 1995,⁴⁵ with little social or conceptual connection to the otherkin or therianthrope communities. The way in which they identify as dragons is the same or similar to how otherkin identify as elves, and how therianthropes identify as animals. Wolf VanZandt wrote, “I have spoken with several [dragons] and I cannot find any difference between their life experiences and those of therians.”⁴⁶ Some dragons refer to themselves as dragon otherkin⁴⁷ or dragon-kin,⁴⁸ some call themselves dragon therianthropes, and some simply call themselves dragons.⁴⁹

Jargon from the dragon community includes AFD, Alfandra, Alfandria, Altfandra, alt.fan.dragons, Dominance, draconic, draconity, fruit, fruiting day, George, greggil, hatching day, and old fruit.

dragonkin, n. [E. dragon + kin]

1. (fiction) In many fantasy novels and games, a dragon or creature which is like both a dragon and a human.

2. (otherkin comm., including dragon otherkin comm.) Any real person who considers himself or herself to be a dragon. A dragon otherkin.⁵⁰ See -kin.

drakonnist (Драконність) n. (otherkin dragon comm., Ukrainian language only) Ukrainian for “draconity,” used in the Ukrainian-speaking part of the dragon otherkin community.⁵¹

dream shift, n. (therian comm.) [Circa 1992-1997.⁵²] A type of non-physical temporary transformation, which some therianthropes claim to experience.⁵³ The shifter’s physical human body sleeps,⁵⁴ remaining unchanged, while the shift takes place within her dream.⁵⁵ In the dream, she may dream about being another creature. Her dream might include the experience of transformation into that creature.⁵⁶ Or she may dream of being that creature, without experiencing a transformation into it.⁵⁷ The creature in question might be her animal side,⁵⁸ but it

could be any other creature.⁵⁹ As such, people who don't identify as therianthropes can have dream shifts too.⁶⁰ This is part of why dream shifts are a common type of shift.⁶¹ Later, when the shifter wakes up from the dream, she can then choose to apply dream analysis and interpretation to her dream shift, which may contain a message from her inner self, her animal side, or her totem animal.⁶²

Abbreviation: DS,⁶³ d-shift.⁶⁴ Compare lucid dream shift.

DS, n. (therian comm., shifters.org only?) Abbreviation for dream shift,⁶⁵ which see.

d-shift, n. (therian comm.) Abbreviation for dream shift,⁶⁶ which see.

E

Elda, n. [Tolkien's Elvish, Quenya *Elda* "of the stars," "people of the stars"] [pl. *eldar*, p.pl *eldali*]

1. (fiction) Elf. In J. R. R. Tolkien's fantasy novels, including but not limited to *The Lord of the Rings*, this is the word that his elves use to refer to themselves.⁶⁷
2. (elven otherkin comm., Silver Elves only) During the 1980s, the Silver Elves adopted this term to refer to themselves as well, and they use it that way frequently in their writings.⁶⁸

Eldamar, n. [Tolkien's Elvish, Quenya *Elda* high-elf + *mar* home]

1. (fiction) Elvenhome. In J. R. R. Tolkien's fantasy novels, this was a geographic region inhabited by elves.⁶⁹
2. (elven otherkin comm., Silver Elves only) During the 1980s, the Silver Elves adopted this term to refer to any home or household inhabited by elves, including their own. They use it that way often in their writings.⁷⁰

Elenari, n. (Elenari and/or elven otherkin comm.) [1990s? Tolkien's Elvish, Quenya: *elen* a star + *ari* ? "elven people of/from the stars." The Elenari later discovered that in the Elenari language, the same word happens to mean this: *elen* elf, friend + *ari* a people.⁷¹]

The real people who call themselves Elenari believe themselves to have had past lives (incarnations) as elves "from a particular set of worlds and who have common histories and cultures."⁷² Elenari have a shared background. The Elenari aren't of the fae or the sidhe. Although the Elenari are like the legendary Tuatha de Dannan, but they aren't the same as them.⁷³ According to what they remember of their past lives, the Elenari homeworlds include Aelveron, BrightMoon, Elphame, Sel'ar, and Shiri.⁷⁴ Elenari races include Dai'ari, Draestari, Gae'ari, Kalthilas, Listari, and Tulari.⁷⁵ Concepts from Elenari history and philosophy include the Corruption, Des'tai, and Vor'jen.⁷⁶

Elphame, n. (elven otherkin comm., Elenari only) As recalled from the shared past lives of real people who identify as elven otherkin, Elphame is one of the Elenari homeworlds.⁷⁷

F

Faerie-moans, n. (otherkin comm., Silver Elves only) [pheromones + faerie + moans] In the writings by the Silver Elves, this means a kind of non-verbal communication.⁷⁸

FOL, n. (therian comm.) [Circa 1997] Abbreviation of friend of lycanthrope, which see.⁷⁹ I have never seen this in use. Obsolete.

friend of lycanthrope, n. (therian comm.) [Circa 1997]

These are “people who are ‘in the know’ about shifters and like to hang out with shifters, but who are not shifters themselves. There seem to be a few of these in just about every pack.”⁸⁰ I have never seen this in use, and expect not to, because those in the therianthrope community no longer call themselves “lycanthropes,” which see. Obsolete.

Abbrev. FOL. Syn. werewolf sympathizer.

fruit, n. (otherkin dragon comm., alt.fan.dragons only) See old fruit.

fruiting day, n. (otherkin dragon comm., alt.fan.dragons only) The anniversary of a regular participant’s first post on alt.fan.dragons.⁸¹ Compare hatching day.

G

Gae'ari, n. (elven otherkin comm., Elenari only) A race of the Elenari, according to the shared past life memories of real people who consider themselves Elenari otherkin.⁸²

gather, n. (otherkin comm.) [1990] Participants of the otherkin community arrange to meet in person once in a while. They call this event a “gather.” Usually under a dozen people come to a gather. The first meeting called an otherkin gather was held in 1990 in North Carolina by nine participants of the *Elfinkind Digest* listserve,⁸³ which is the same listserve that coined the word “otherkin” earlier during the same year.⁸⁴ Some gathers are held annually for several years running, such as Dancing the Endless Dream,⁸⁵ A Gathering Echo,⁸⁶ Kinvention North,⁸⁷ Mythicalia,⁸⁸ and Walking the Thresholds.⁸⁹ Participants of alt.fan.dragons also held “dragon gathers.” Gathers have been held in Australia,⁹⁰ Canada,⁹¹ and the USA.⁹² Also gathering. Sometimes spelled with a capital G. Compare Howl.

George, n.

1. (fiction) In Gordon R. Dickson’s fantasy novel *The Dragon and the George*, slang used by dragon characters to mean “human.” Derived from the name of the dragon-slayer Saint George.

2. (dragon otherkin comm. only) [Late 1990s in alt.fan.dragons] Pejorative but tongue-in-cheek slang for “human.”⁹³ A person who doesn’t identify as a dragon. Adopted into common use from the above fantasy novel. I haven’t seen this slang used in years; obsolete?

All pejoratives against humans have become less common in the otherkin, dragon, and therianthrope communities due to discouragement of rants against “humans” (meaning people who don’t identify as dragons, otherkin, or therianthropes). Syn. greggil. Compare human, monkeyboy, mundane, normal, skin.

ghost shift, n. (therian comm.) [2008?] Shadow shift,⁹⁴ which see. I have never seen this term in use.

glamour shift, n. (therian comm.? otherkin comm.?) [2001?] Shadow shift,⁹⁵ which see. I’ve never seen this term in use.

graymuzzle, n. (therian comm. only) [A remark by AHWW participant Windrunner in the *AHWW Combined FAQ* from 1997 or 1996 seems to suggest that AHWW participant Smash Graywolf coined or perpetuated this term in alt.horror.werewolves.⁹⁶ E. gray + muzzle, suggesting the graying snout of an older wolf.]

An old regular. Any therianthrope who has actively participated in the therianthrope community for several consecutive years,⁹⁷ especially if present on alt.horror.werewolves in 1995. Usage varies: some therians use “graymuzzle” to refer to anyone present on AHWW anytime during the Nineties, and some therianthropes use “graymuzzle” to refer to therianthropes who have been active in the community for a length of time as little as two years. It can also mean someone who has been a member of specific pack for a long time.⁹⁸ This term doesn’t refer to the therianthrope’s chronological age.⁹⁹

Also gray-muzzle, greymuzzle, grey-muzzle. Compare elder, fruit.

greggil, n. (dragon otherkin comm. only) [Mid-1990s in alt.fan.dragons. Gentle reader, do you know this word’s etymology?] (Derogatory slang.) Human.¹⁰⁰ A person who doesn’t identify as a dragon. Syn. George. Compare human, monkeyboy, mundane, normal, skin.

H

hatching day, n. (dragon otherkin comm., especially but not limited to alt.fan.dragons) [Mid-1990s on alt.fan.dragons]

1. Birthday. Anniversary of the birth of one's physical human body, referred to whimsically as if one had hatched from an egg, rather than being born in the manner of mammals. "Hatching day" is not to be taken literally, since of course the person *was* born in the manner of mammals.
2. An event in a person's life in which they realize that they are a dragon, despite their outwardly human appearance.¹⁰¹ This event usually happens around when a person becomes a young adult. Syn. Awakening, awereness.
3. The anniversary of the above event.¹⁰²

-heart, n. or adj. (otherkin or therian comm.?) [Circa 2011?] Suffix used with the name of a kind of animal or a kind of legendary being to indicate what kind of otherkin a person is. A way of indicating the type of creature that one is at heart. For example, a person who identifies as a cat might call himself a cat-heart, or cat-hearted.¹⁰³ Compare -kin, -soul.

Howl, n. (therian comm.) [1994 in alt.horror.werewolves¹⁰⁴] When people in the therianthrope community arrange to meet in person once in a while, they call this event a "Howl." At first, this meant only gatherings of the people of alt.horror.werewolves, who held the first meeting called a Howl in 1994 in Ohio.¹⁰⁵ Howls are often held by people of all parts of the therianthrope community. Howls have been held in Australia,¹⁰⁶ Canada,¹⁰⁷ Russia,¹⁰⁸ Sweden,¹⁰⁹ the UK,¹¹⁰ and the USA.¹¹¹ The number of people who can be as small as four¹¹² or larger than fifty.¹¹³ Compare gather.

I

illusion shift, n. (therian comm.?) [2001?] Shadow shift,¹¹⁴ which see. I've never seen this term in use.

integrated shifter, n. (therian comm.) [1999?] A type of therianthrope. "Shifters whose human and animal sides are merged, so that they can think from both perspectives at once."¹¹⁵ I'm not aware of any people who label themselves with this term. Syn. contherianthrope.

K

Kalthilas, n. (elven otherkin comm., Elenari only) A race of the Elenari, according to the shared past life memories of real people who consider themselves Elenari otherkin.¹¹⁶

Kella, n. (otherkin comm.) According to some otherkin who identify as elves, the Kella are a race of elves.¹¹⁷

'kin, n. (otherkin comm.) [Circa 2000, E. otherkin] Otherkin. An abbreviation of "otherkin."¹¹⁸ (Usage note: please make sure that the apostrophe is really an apostrophe. Word processing software often misinterprets the user's intended leading apostrophe as a single opening quotation mark instead.)¹¹⁹

-kin, n. (otherkin comm.) [Circa 2000, E. otherkin] Suffix used with the name of a species of animal or other kind of creature to indicate what type of otherkin a person is. For example, a person who is a dragon otherkin may also call himself a dragon-kin.¹²⁰ Compare -heart, -soul.

kinfeels, n. (unique to the portion of the otherkin community active on Tumblr.com) [2011-12?¹²¹ E. otherkin + feelings¹²²]

The state of feeling emotionally moved, in relation to one's otherkin identity. This could include yearning for your otherkin "Home,"¹²³ nostalgia¹²⁴ for your past life, or feeling more like your otherkin side. It's common on Tumblr for otherkin to make remarks such as "This story gives me kinfeels" or "I'm having a lot of kinfeels today." This word comes from a non-otherkin slang word common on Tumblr, "feels," used as a noun to mean a state of feeling emotionally moved, particularly in response to creative media: for example, "This song gives me so much feels."¹²⁵ Compare mental shift, Yearning.

konteriantropiya (Контериантропия), (therian comm., in Russian language only) Russian transliteration of "contherianthropy,"¹²⁶ which see.

L

Listari, n. (elven otherkin comm., Elenari only) A race of the Elenari, according to the shared past life memories of real people who consider themselves Elenari otherkin.¹²⁷ Also Li'star'i.¹²⁸

lucid dream shift, n. (therian comm.) [Circa 1999]

A dream shift (which see) can also happen within a "lucid dream" state. A lucid dream takes place during normal sleep, and within the dream, the dreamer realizes that she is dreaming. Once attaining that kind of awareness, she can do whatever she wants within her dream, including shifting. A lucid dream shift differs from a non-lucid dream shift in that a lucid dream shift is more likely an intentional act.¹²⁹

lycanthrope, n. [1616 Gk. *lykos* wolf + *ánthrōpos* man, human]

1. (folklore and legend) A werewolf, that is, a human said to be able to physically become a wolf. The word "lycanthrope" originated in ancient Greece, described by the physician Galen as a physical and mental illness, rather than a real transformation of a human into an animal.¹³⁰ Skeptic Reginald Scot's anti-witch-hunting book, *The Discoverie of Witchcraft* (1584), brought the word "lycanthrope" into English.¹³¹

Syn. werewolf.

2. (psychology) Clinical lycanthrope, which see.

3. (therian comm., deprecated) In the 1990s and early 2000s, the therianthrope community in AHWW sometimes call themselves lycanthropes.¹³² At first, they thought "lycanthrope" was a good word for people who identify as wolves or other animals in a non-physical way. They soon saw reasons not to call themselves lycanthropes. First, the word "lycanthrope" had been used in psychology for a mental syndrome.¹³³ The community wanted to emphasize their sanity, so they avoided "lycanthrope," seeing it as an offensive word.¹³⁴ Second, "lycanthrope" means a wolf person, and they wanted a term that could include other kinds of animal people.¹³⁵ The community adopted other words for themselves instead, calling themselves "Weres,"¹³⁶ "therianthropes,"¹³⁷ or "shifters,"¹³⁸ which see. During 2000 and 2002, they debated which word suited them most accurately.¹³⁹

lycanthropy, n. The condition of being a lycanthrope.

M

magical shift, n. (therian comm.) [1997 in AHWW.¹⁴⁰]

Any type of transformation¹⁴¹ aided by “magical” practices.¹⁴² Such practices could include a formal magical ritual or ceremony,¹⁴³ or use of magical tools such as an animal skin¹⁴⁴ or drug-salve.¹⁴⁵ Some of these magical shifting methods were “confessed” during witch-trials in the medieval ages up to the seventeenth century.¹⁴⁶ I don’t currently know of any public writings in which real modern therianthropes tell of their personal experiences with magically-aided shifting, or calling it a “magical shift.” The term “magical shift” seems uncommonly used, if at all, outside of the AHWW FAQ and Greene.

Spelling variant: magickal shift. Compare invocation, skin-walk.

mental shift, n. (therian comm.) [1997 in AHWW.¹⁴⁷]

During a mental shift, a therianthrope’s way of thinking temporarily changes to resemble that of her animal side more than her human side.¹⁴⁸ Her human body stays physically unchanged.¹⁴⁹ Some people use the term “mental shift” for *any* kind of non-physical shift,¹⁵⁰ or as a category that includes several types of non-physical shifts. Sensations during a mental shift sometimes include phantom limb sensations¹⁵¹ (see also: phantom shift) and heightened, animal-like senses¹⁵² (see also: sense shift).

A mental shift can sometimes happen unintentionally,¹⁵³ or the shifter can sometimes cause it intentionally,¹⁵⁴ or suppress it.¹⁵⁵ Mental shifts can happen with any emotional state: peacefully calm or excited, playful or fearful, or anything else.¹⁵⁶ A mental shift can be mild or intense.¹⁵⁷ During a mental shift, a shifter may sometimes feel urges, such as a need to express animal behavior and vocalizations,¹⁵⁸ or to react in an animal-like way.¹⁵⁹ These aren’t deliberate attempts to imitate an animal.¹⁶⁰

Abbrev. MS,¹⁶¹ m-shift.¹⁶²

metallimb, n. (unique to the part of the otherkin community active on Tumblr.com) [2012-01?¹⁶³ E. meta + phantom limb] Otherkin phantom limbs. Otherkin on Tumblr came up with this alternative word for their phantom limbs due to their concerns that the term “phantom limb” might be appropriative of the experiences of people who are disabled, and concerns that the phantom limbs of otherkin might differ from the phenomenon normally called phantom limbs. Syn. otherlimbs.

MS, n. (therian comm., shifters.org only?) Abbreviation for mental shift,¹⁶⁴ which see.

m-shift, n. (therian comm.) Abbreviation for mental shift,¹⁶⁵ which see. This term is very commonly used throughout the therianthrope community.

mudança, (therian comm., Portuguese language only) Portuguese for “shift,” used in the Portuguese-speaking therian community to call shape-shifting.¹⁶⁶

multi-kin, n. (otherkin comm.) [2004?¹⁶⁷ E. multiple + otherkin] A person who identifies as more than one kind of creature.¹⁶⁸ I’ve only noticed one person call themselves by this term.¹⁶⁹

N

normal folk, n. (otherkin, primarily but not limited to the Silver Elves) The Silver Elves often use this term in their writing to refer to outsiders who have no conception of magic as real, and who strive to conform more than to express themselves. The Silver Elves argue that this term is not pejorative because “that is what they call themselves. We have heard them say thousands of times ‘I’m so glad I’m normal’ ... normals want to be normal. Who are we to deny them that aspiration or call them other than what they choose to call themselves.”¹⁷⁰ Also Normals.¹⁷¹ Compare mundane.

O

old fruit, n. (dragon otherkin comm., alt.fan.dragons only) A person who wrote in alt.fan.dragons for at least a year earned the title “fruit” or “old fruit,” as opposed to a “young nut” who more recently arrived.¹⁷² On the other hand, some regulars were considered “fruits” after less time, because they “seem to [...] fit in as if they’ve always been Here [in alt.fan.dragons].”¹⁷³ Some people who were once regulars in alt.fan.dragons still call themselves old fruits. Also *olde fruite*.¹⁷⁴ Also fruit, fruite, olde fruit, ol’ frute.¹⁷⁵ Compare greymuzzle. See also fruiting day.

otherkind, n. (otherkin comm.) Less common or obsolete variant spelling of otherkin,¹⁷⁶ which see.

otherkin, n. [Coined 1990 by Torin / Darren Stalder in the *Elfinkind Digest* listserv.¹⁷⁷ E. *other* additional, or different in kind from the one implied + E. *kin* family, kind, race. Pl. otherkin. Based on contemporary use of the word *elfinkin* or *elvenkin* for people who identify as elves. Spelling note: some authors spell “otherkin” with a capital O, some don’t, and some use either.¹⁷⁸ Syn. otherkind (obsolete).]

1. (elven comm., early otherkin comm.) [1990 in the *Elfinkind Digest* listserv.¹⁷⁹] (Never commonly used. Obsolete in mid-1990s.) The below definition, but limited to refer only to people who identify as mythological creatures *other* than elves. With such usage, a group of people who identified as elves, dragons, and satyrs would be called “elfinkin and otherkin.”

2. (otherkin comm.) [Circa 1992?] (Now commonly used.)

Otherkin are real, non-fictional people who identify as other than human.¹⁸⁰ Otherkin identify as creatures from myth and legend, usually elves, faeries, and dragons.¹⁸¹ This is a sincere identity,¹⁸² not role-play.¹⁸³ Many otherkin identify as other than human for spiritual reasons; that is, they classify their identity as otherkin as a personal spiritual belief.¹⁸⁴ Being otherkin is a very individualistic thing: each otherkin reaches his own explanation for how and why he is an otherkin.¹⁸⁵ Some of their common spiritual explanations include that they are other than human in spirit,¹⁸⁶ or they were other than human in past incarnations.¹⁸⁷ Although spiritual belief is often involved, “otherkin” isn’t a religion.¹⁸⁸ As such, each person who identifies as otherkin practices whatever religion he individually wants.¹⁸⁹ It has always been the case¹⁹⁰ that most of the otherkin community practices Neo-Pagan religions,¹⁹¹ and so that religious perspective shapes the common views and ideas in the otherkin community. Some otherkin don’t use spiritual explanations. Some otherkin believe that they are physically other than human, or that their ancestors were.¹⁹²

3. (otherkin, dragon, and therian communities) [Circa 2006] The above definition, but expanded to also include people who identify as animals (therianthropes).¹⁹³ Less often, some people use the word “otherkin” as an even larger umbrella term to include otherkin, therianthropes, *and* vampires.¹⁹⁴ A more appropriate umbrella term has yet to be made.

4. (fiction, outside of the otherkin comm.) [Circa 2006] Starting around 2006, several novelists later appropriated (or independently coined?) the term “otherkin” to refer to fictional, physically supernatural entities. In those novels, the term “otherkin” doesn’t refer to real kinds of people

who simply feel other-than-human at heart. Those authors include paranormal romance novelists Nina Bangs,¹⁹⁵ Anya Bast,¹⁹⁶ and Delilah Devlin.¹⁹⁷

otherlimb, n. (unique to the portion of the otherkin community active on Tumblr.com) [2012-02?¹⁹⁸ E. otherkin + phantom limbs] Otherkin phantom limbs. Otherkin on Tumblr came up with this alternative word for their phantom limbs, because of their concerns that the term “phantom limb” might be appropriative of the experiences of people who are disabled, and concerns that the phantom limbs of otherkin might differ from the phenomenon normally called phantom limbs. Syn. metalimbs.

P

perception shift, n. (therian comm.) A type of temporary transformation which some therians claim to experience. “A type of shift where the therian’s senses become more like their animal counterpart. This may also just be a heightened sense of awareness.”¹⁹⁹ Syn. sensory shift. Compare sense shift.

physical shift, n. (therian comm.) The transformation of a human body into the physical shape of another creature.²⁰⁰ There is no scientifically satisfactory evidence of this happening or that it ever could.²⁰¹ Many therianthropes believe that it is impossible,²⁰² but there are also believers. Many therianthropes hope and yearn to physically shift.²⁰³ As Reemul put it, therianthropes debate “whether or not it truly exists or is some Grail meant to taunt those who pine for its wonders.”²⁰⁴ Sometimes pranksters harass the therianthrope community by making unsubstantiated claims of physical shifting.

Abbrev. p-shift,²⁰⁵ PS.²⁰⁶

polymorph, n. [1820 Gk. *polus* many + *morphē* form, shape]

1. (folklore and fiction) A shapeshifter. An entity who has many different forms.
2. (therian comm.) A type of real therianthrope who has one animal side, but that animal side is a mix of several kinds of animals.²⁰⁷ I don’t know of anyone in the therianthrope community who label themselves with this term in any public documents. Syn. polywere.
3. (therian comm.) Quil defines this word differently: “Anyone who shifts for recreation [...] and is not a therianthrope or shaman.”²⁰⁸ I don’t know of anyone in the therianthrope community who label themselves with this term in any public documents.
4. (otherkin comm.) A person who doesn’t identify as a specific kind of creature, often shifting into different kinds of creatures.²⁰⁹ Examples of people who publicly label themselves with this word and this meaning include Arethinn and Willow.²¹⁰ Compare poly-shifter.

poly-shifter, n. (therian comm.) [Gk. *polus* many + E. *shifter* one who changes]

A type of person who claims to shift into any kind of animal, and has no particular species of animal side.²¹¹

“There are some therians that claim they have no specific phenotype [animal type], and that they could shift to any animal should the occasion arise. Often though, they have ‘favorite’ animals which they shift to most often.”²¹²

I don’t know of anyone in the therianthrope community who call themselves by this term in any public documents, but I think they’re probably around somewhere.

Compare cameo shift, polytherian, polywere, shamanic shift.

polytherian, n. (therian comm.) [Gk. *polus* many + *thērion* beast, wild animal] A type of real therianthrope who has two or more different animal sides.²¹³ Syn. polywere.²¹⁴

polywere, n. (therian comm.) [1999 Gk. *polus* many + E. werewolf. Based on the misconception that *were* means animal or shifter, when actually *were* is Old English for “man.” See *were* for more information.]

1. A type of real therianthrope who has one animal side, but that animal is a mix of several kinds of animals.²¹⁵ I don’t know of anyone in the therianthrope community who label themselves with this word in any public documents, but I think they’re probably around somewhere.

Syn. polymorph.

2. A type of real therianthrope who has several specific animal sides, which are distinct from one another.²¹⁶ People within the therianthrope community who have labeled themselves as “polyweres,” with this meaning, include Random Shifts,²¹⁷ Shadow Flash,²¹⁸ and Tygerwulfe.²¹⁹ Syn. polytherian.²²⁰

PS (therian comm., shifters.org only?) Abbreviation for physical shift,²²¹ which see.

PSer, n. (therian comm., shifters.org only?) Abbreviation of physical shifter.²²² I’ve only seen Jakkal use this term. Variant spelling: pser.

p-shift (therian comm.) Abbreviation of physical shift,²²³ which see. I observe that this abbreviation is commonly used and widely known throughout the therianthrope community.

S

Sel'ar, n. (elven otherkin comm., Elenari only) As recalled from the shared past lives of real people who identify as elven otherkin, Sel'ar is one of the Elenari homeworlds.²²⁴

s'elf, n. (otherkin comm., Silver Elves only) [1979, E. self + elf] The elven self. Wordplay used often throughout the writings by the Silver Elves since 1979.²²⁵ Variations include hers'elf, hims'elf, thems'elves, ours'elves, yours'elf, etc.

sense shift, (therian comm.) [Circa 1999 in AHWW.]

1. (therian comm.) An event in which a therianthrope's senses temporarily become more like those of his animal side,²²⁶ and/or his senses become heightened.²²⁷ Syn. perception shift.

2. (therian comm.) [Circa 1999] A type of temporary non-physical transformation. An event in which a person can perceive the world through the senses of a corporeal animal or familiar.²²⁸ Greene uses only this definition for the term, saying that it is "Similar to possession shifting except that the shifter is still aware of and in the human body, and not in control of the animal body."²²⁹ Compare possession shifting, borrowing.

shadow shift, (therian comm.) [1999 in AHWW.²³⁰] A type of temporary transformation. The shifter doesn't change physically.²³¹ Witnesses see²³² his appearance seem to change.²³³ They see his animal form around him as a transparent apparition.²³⁴ This illusion happens under dim lighting.²³⁵ This phenomenon isn't necessarily a supernatural phenomenon, and could be explained rationally.²³⁶ For example, it could be a mass hallucination.²³⁷ I'm not aware of anyone within the therianthrope community who claims in public writing to have personally experienced or witnessed a shift of this type.

Abbrev. SWS.²³⁸ Syn. ghost shift,²³⁹ glamour shift,²⁴⁰ illusion shift.²⁴¹

shape-stealer, see skin-stealer.²⁴²

shift, n. or v. (therian comm.) Shapeshifting,²⁴³ not necessarily involving a literal change of physical shape, so long as it is some kind of temporary change in a person,²⁴⁴ in which a person more closely resembles their animal side or another creature in some way. "Shifting" includes types of shifts that aren't physical.²⁴⁵ If a therianthrope says that he has experienced a shift, without specifically mentioning the type of shift, he most likely means a mental shift (which see), which isn't physical.

Shifting isn't unique to therianthropes. Non-therianthrope people can shift, even if they lack an animal side.²⁴⁶ (See shamanic shift.) Therianthropes tend to have it in their nature to shift.

However, some therianthropes don't shift (see contherianthropy).

Particularly during the 1990s, the therianthrope community developed terminology for classifying different types of shifts. The category of non-physical shifts includes astral shifts, aura s., dream s., lucid dream s., mental s., phantom s., and shadow s. (which see). Other types of shifts include berserk shift, cameo s., etheric s., magical s., perception s., physical s., sense s., and shamanic s. (which see).

Russian translation, used in the Russian-speaking therianthrope community: Шифтинг

shifter, n. [1545 E.]

1. (folklore) A person who shifts, particularly one who changes shape.

2. (therian comm.) A therianthrope. A real kind of person who feels that they sometimes shift between human and animal in some way, most commonly by a mental shift (which see), which isn't physical.²⁴⁷

As authors of literature for the therianthrope community, Jakkal, Yaiolani, and Greene all preferred to refer to therianthropes as “shifters.” They all refer to the therianthrope community of AHW. Despite the different term, shifters aren’t a separate community from therianthropes. They are the one same community. It’s just that the community was uncertain about what to call itself for a while (see “lycanthrope” for more information). Shifter is short for “shapeshifter.” Advantages of the term “shifter,” as explained by its proponent, Greene: “Many of us call ourselves ‘shifters’ and not ‘shapeshifters.’ We don’t want to imply that we shift our physical shape. Also, we like to get away from the term ‘werewolf,’ because many of us are species other than wolf, and we need a name that doesn’t exclude any other species.”²⁴⁸ A problem with the term “shifter:” some therianthropes identify as animals, but don’t experience shifting²⁴⁹ (see contherianthropy).²⁵⁰

Syn. therianthrope, Were. Compare animal person, lycanthrope. Contrast contherianthrope.

Shiri, n. (Elenari, elven otherkin comm.) As recalled from the shared past lives of real people who identify as elven otherkin, Shiri is one of the Elenari peoples.²⁵¹

skin, n.

1. (therian comm.) [Circa 1999] (Pejorative) According to Yaiolani, a human, specifically a person who doesn’t identify as a therianthrope.²⁵² I’ve never seen this word in use. Obsolete?
2. (therian comm.) [Circa 1999] According to Yaiolani, a therianthrope person’s animal side. For example, “‘my skin is a fox’ meaning ‘I’m a fox-shifter.’”²⁵³ I’ve never seen this word in use, not even in archives. Obsolete?

skin-stealer, n. (therian comm) [1999?] According to Jakkal and Banulf, a skin-stealer is an evil person who magically changes his physical appearance by killing another animal or person, to wear their body or skin.²⁵⁴ Although practices similar to this appear in folklore and fiction, I don’t remember seeing any stories that call it by this name (or by the synonyms listed here). Jakkal says this practice is feared all over the world, without saying whether it is a real or folkloric practice.²⁵⁵ Banulf implies that this practice is real and contemporary.²⁵⁶ Jakkal and Banulf don’t cite any sources to support their belief. Jakkal and Banulf are the only people in the therianthrope community who I know to have written about it. I haven’t heard of any specific examples of it in real life. I haven’t heard of anyone in the therianthrope community who claims to be a skin-stealer.

Syn. flesh-dancer,²⁵⁷ shape-stealer²⁵⁸, SST.²⁵⁹ Compare skin-walk.²⁶⁰

skin-walk, v. [E. skin + walk]

1. (Navajo and some other Native American folklore) A skin-walker is a supernatural person who can shape-shift into animal form, sometimes with the aid of an animal skin. I’m not aware of anyone in the therianthrope community who calls themselves a skin-walker of the kind described in Navajo folklore. Compare berserker.²⁶¹
2. (therian comm.) [1999] According to Greene, the practice of “using costuming, masks, or makeup ... to get closer to the inner animal.”²⁶² I haven’t seen anyone else use this term in this way. Compare prowl.
3. (therian comm) [1999] According to Jakkal, skin-stealing,²⁶³ which see. I haven’t seen anyone else use this term in this way.

spiritual therianthropy, n. (therian comm.) See therianthropy. This term is used to make clear that therianthropes identify as animals in spirit, not in body.²⁶⁴ On the other hand, as Yaiolani reports, some people don’t like calling it spiritual, “because it makes people think of a religion. I suppose spiritual therianthropy could just as easily be called ‘emotional therianthropy’ or ‘instinctive

therianthropy' [...] or 'personal therianthropy.'"²⁶⁵ Spiritual therianthropy isn't completely synonymous with therianthropy, because some therianthropes say that their therianthropy isn't spiritual.

SST, n. (therian comm., shifters.org only) Abbreviation of shape-stealer,²⁶⁶ which see.

SWS, n. (therian comm., shifters.org only?) [1999] Abbreviation for shadow shift,²⁶⁷ which see. I have never seen this term in use.

symp, n. (therian comm.) [Circa 1999] Abbreviation for werewolf sympathizer,²⁶⁸ which see. I have never seen this term in use.

T

terianami (терианами), n. (therian comm., Russian language only) Russian transliteration of “therianthrope,”²⁶⁹ which see. Abbrev. *terry* (терри).

theriantropi, n. (therian comm., Swedish language only) Translation of “therianthropy” used in the Swedish-speaking therianthrope community.²⁷⁰

terry (терри), n. (therian comm., Russian language only) Russian transliteration of “therian,”²⁷¹ which see. Abbreviation of the Russian word for therianthrope, *terianami* (терианами).

therian, n. (therian comm.) Abbreviation of “therianthrope,” which see. From about 2005 to the present (2012), this abbreviation is very commonly used throughout the entire therianthrope community.²⁷²

therianthrope, n. [1885 Gk. *thērion* beast, wild animal + *anthrōpos* man, human of any gender]

1. (anthropology) In art, mythology, and legend, a supernatural entity (often a god or wizard) who has characteristics of both an animal and a human, either in combination (a human/animal being, also called an anthropomorphic animal or zoomorphic human) or transforming between the two (such as a werewolf). For example, animal-headed gods such Anubis and Ganesha, human-headed animals such as the sphinx, half-animal people such as mermaids and centaurs, and shape-shifters such as werewolves and selkies. Some anthropological literature uses this word to refer to anthropomorphic animals.

2. (therian comm.) Therianthropes are real people who identify as animals.²⁷³ For more information on how and why therianthropes identify as animals, see therianthropy.

The therianthrope community began in the newsgroup alt.horror.werewolves (AHWW) in 1993,²⁷⁴ where they began talking about how they identify as animals. (This started with apparently no knowledge of any other groups of people who identify as other than human.)

There, they took up the word “therianthrope” for themselves in 1994.²⁷⁵ They also called themselves “Weres” and “shifters,” which see. Some therianthropes don’t like the term “therianthrope” because it is a long word.²⁷⁶

Terms for specific types of therianthropes include cladotherianthrope, contherianthrope, graymuzzle, polymorph, poly-shifter, polytherian, polywere, and suntherianthrope, which see. Jargon from the therianthrope community includes Awere [sic], Howl, pack, shift, symp, therioside, theriotype, Weredar, and Werename, which see.

Abbrev. *therian*. Syn. *shifter*,²⁷⁷ *spiritual therianthrope*,²⁷⁸ *Werebeast*, *Were*. Compare *animal person*, *lycanthrope*, *werewolf*. Contrast *dæmian*, *dragon*, *furry*, *otherkin*. Russian transliteration: *териантропами*.²⁷⁹ Portuguese translation: *theriantropo*.²⁸⁰

therianthropy, n. (therian comm) The condition of being a therianthrope, which see. Therianthropy is the condition of identifying as an animal.

Therianthropes identify as animals.²⁸¹ A therianthrope’s animal self is his *self*. His animal self isn’t an outside animal spirit guide or totem,²⁸² isn’t a game of pretend or a role-playing character,²⁸³ and isn’t merely a favorite animal.²⁸⁴ How someone identifies as an animal is very personal: “Therianthropy is a self-identification. This means, nobody can tell you if you are a therianthrope or not. [...] only you know if you’re a therianthrope or not.”²⁸⁵

Therianthropes acknowledge that they are physically human.²⁸⁶ As such, they identify as animals only in non-physical ways. Some therianthropes believe that their therianthropy is a spirituality,²⁸⁷ saying that they had been animals in previous lives,²⁸⁸ and/or that they now have an animal spirit in a human body.²⁸⁹ Although these are spiritual beliefs, therianthropy isn’t a

religion.²⁹⁰ Some therianthropes say their therianthropy isn't spiritual,²⁹¹ and/or believe that they are psychologically like an animal.²⁹² Many therianthropes experience phenomena that they call shifting, particularly mental shifting,²⁹³ which see.

Syn. animality, spiritual therianthropy. Compare draconity, lycanthropy. Contrast dæmonology.

theriantipo, n. (therian comm., Portuguese language only) Portuguese translation of theriotype, which see.

theriantropo, n. (therian comm., Portuguese language only) Portuguese for therianthrope,²⁹⁴ which see.

theriantype, n. Variant spelling of theriotype, which see.

therioside, n. (therian comm.) [Gk. *thērion* beast, wild animal + E. *side*] A therianthrope person's animal side.²⁹⁵

Syn. wereside, animal side. Compare theriotype.

teriostoronoу (териостороной), n. (therian comm., Russian language only) A word for "therioside" (which see) used in Russian-speaking therianthrope community.²⁹⁶

teriотipom (териотипом), n. (therian comm., Russian language only) A word for "therioside" (which see) used in Russian-speaking therianthrope community.²⁹⁷

theriotype, n. (therian comm.) [Gk. *thērion* beast, wild animal + E. *type*] A real therianthrope person's animal type. The species of a real therianthrope's animal side. The type of creature which a therianthrope identifies as.²⁹⁸

Also theriantype. In Portuguese therianthrope community, translated as *theriantipo*.²⁹⁹ Syn. theriantype, phenotype. Compare therioside, animal side.

Tulari, n. (Elenari, elven otherkin comm.) A race of the Elenari, according to the shared past life memories of real people who consider themselves Elenari otherkin.³⁰⁰

W

Were, n. [Adopted in the early 1990s as abbreviation of *werewolf*,³⁰¹ but the word *were* originates in Late Old English *wer*, “man”]

1. (folklore, fiction, and fandom) Derived from “werewolf,” this is used to refer to shapeshifters that can change from humans into animals other than wolves. It’s used both as a prefix (Were-lion, Were-jaguar), and as a noun by itself (Were).

2. (therian comm.) A therianthrope, which see. A real person who identifies as an animal.

“Were” is a term that those in the therianthrope community of alt.horror.werewolves adopted to call themselves by. A person who says “I am a Were” means that he is an animal in human form. He could say of people like himself, “They’re Weres, too.”

This word was based on the misconception that the word *were* in *werewolf* meant “shifter,” when actually *were* (or *wer*) is Old English for “man.” A therianthrope called Lynx Canadensis said in 2005 that “while it’s still used in some circles, [the word “Were”] seems to be falling out of favour as more people realize that it means virtually the opposite of what it’s used as.”³⁰² Currently, the term “therianthrope” is becoming more commonly used instead of “Were,” but “Were” is also still used.

Spelling note: In this book, I spell “Were” with a capital W to distinguish it from the verb “were.” Syn. shifter, therianthrope, theriomorph, werebeast, werecreature. Compare animal person, lycanthrope, werewolf.

Were- [1990s? E. werewolf, or Late Old E. *wer* man] (therian comm.) Add the prefix “Were-” to the name of any kind of animal, in order to describe someone who has traits of a human as well as that kind of animal, particularly someone who shifts between those two.³⁰³ For example, a Were-dog,³⁰⁴ a Were-cat,³⁰⁵ or a Were-bear.³⁰⁶

Werebeast, n. [1990s? Late Old E. *wer* man + E. *beast* four-footed wild mammal, or E. werewolf + beast]

1. (fiction) A being who shifts between human and some other kind of animal.

2. (therian comm.) A real kind of person who identifies as some kind of animal.³⁰⁷

Syn. shifter, therianthrope, Were, Werecreature. Compare animal person.

Werename, n. (therian comm.) [1990s in AHWW, werewolf + name] A pseudonym, nickname, or handle by which a therianthrope chooses to be known in the therianthrope community.³⁰⁸ Compare true name.

Wereside, n. (therian comm.) [1990s in AHWW, E. werewolf + side] A therianthrope’s animal side.³⁰⁹ The part of a therianthrope’s identity, personality, and/or spirit which is, or is like, an animal. The therianthrope community created and used this term without realizing that *were* is Old English for “man,” so the etymology of the word accidentally means “human side” instead of the intended “animal side.”³¹⁰ Nonetheless, therianthropes only use “Wereside” to refer to their animal side.

Abbrev. WS.³¹¹ Syn. animal side, phenotype, therioside, theriotype.

werewolf, n. [Circa 1000 Late Old E. *werewolf*, from *wer* man + *wulf* wolf]

1. (folklore and fiction) A type of creature who can physically change between human and wolf shapes. There is no scientifically satisfactory evidence that such a creature ever existed.

2. (therian comm.) A real type of person who identifies as a wolf in human form, and who relates that identity to the folklore and fiction about the wolf-human shifters called werewolves. Some wolf therianthropes call themselves werewolves.³¹² The therianthrope community got its start

with people who called themselves werewolves, and who met one another based on their shared interest in folklore and fiction about werewolves.³¹³ Some therianthropes who identify as wolves refuse to apply the label “werewolf” to themselves, because they don’t want to be compared to the creature from folklore.³¹⁴

Abbrev. Were. Syn. lycanthrope. Compare animal person, therianthrope.

werewolf sympathizer, n. (therian comm., probably in AHWW) [Late 1990s?] People who don’t identify as therianthropes, but are interested in therianthropes. Yaiolani defines this term:

“They are people who, while not shifters themselves, understand them deeply and are interested in them. Sympathizers often have an empathy with animals, and their interest in shifting is easily sparked. Yet they themselves do not want to become shifters. [...] Some symps, especially those involved in roleplaying, can be very obsessed and extremely annoying to shifters. Some shifter groups tolerate and even invite symps to ‘hang out with werewolves’ if they want to, while other shifter groups absolutely forbid them, and most have a policy somewhere in between and judge on a case-by-case basis.”³¹⁵

I’ve never seen this term used. Probably obsolete. Abbrev. symp.³¹⁶ Syn. friend of lycanthrope,³¹⁷ FOL.³¹⁸

Z

zverolyudmi (зверолюдьми). (therian comm., Russian language only) Word for “animal people” (which see) as used in Russian-speaking therianthrope community.³¹⁹

Endnotes

-
1. Elenari FAQ.
 2. Weyrlady, "Alt.fan.dragons: Names list."
ExistingPhantom, ed., "Alt.Fan.Dragons Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)."
ExistingPhantom. "The early history of AFD."
 3. Wolf VanZandt, "Words and concepts."
 4. Malcolm-Rannirl, "Dictionary."
 5. In an e-mail sent 2012-07-10, Arethinn told me about where and when this word was used in the otherkin community, and agreed that it is now obsolete.
 6. The alt.fan.dragons FAQ, updated in about 1996, doesn't mention the terms Alfandra or Alfandria, so those terms may have come later.
 7. The alt.fan.dragons FAQ, updated in about 1996, doesn't mention the terms Alfandra or Alfandria, so those terms may have come later.
 8. ExistingPhantom. "The early history of AFD."
 9. WikiFur, "Alfandria."
 10. Baxil, "The Draconity FAQ."
ExistingPhantom, ed., "Alt.fan.dragons condensed FAQ."
 11. ExistingPhantom. "The early history of AFD."
 12. Weyrlady, "Alt.fan.dragons: Names list."
 13. Wolf VanZandt, "Words and concepts."
 14. Wolf VanZandt, "Words and concepts."
 15. Therian Círculo, "*Desvalando o idioma da Theriantropia (The Language of Therianthropy)*."
 16. Rosalyn Greene, *The magic of shapeshifting* (York Beach, ME: S. Weiser, 2000), p. 230.
 17. Greene, p. 230.
 18. Lupa, *A Field Guide to Otherkin* (Stafford, England: Immanion Press, 2007), p. 242.
 19. "Elenari FAQ."
 20. Greene, p. 231.
 21. According to Arethinn, personal e-mail, sent 2012-07-10.
 22. The *dæmon* page. "Terminology."
 23. *The daemon page*.
 24. "Terminology." *The dæmon page*.
 25. "Terminology." *The dæmon page*.
 26. "Terminology." *The dæmon page*.
 27. *The daemon page*.
 28. "Terminology." *The dæmon page*.
 29. "Terminology." *The dæmon page*.
 30. "Terminology." *The dæmon page*.
 31. "Elenari FAQ."
 32. "Terminology." *The dæmon page*.
 33. Therian Círculo.
 34. Therian Círculo.
 35. Therian Círculo.
 36. Malcolm-Rannirl, "Dictionary."

-
37. Weyrlady, "Alt.fan.dragons: Names list."
ExistingPhantom. "The early history of AFD."
38. As seen used in the dated public web-page by Dymus the Daring, "The 100 point draconity corruption test." 1995. <http://www.armory.com/tests/draconity.html>
39. Dymus the Daring.
The Draconity FAQ also uses this word in this way.
40. Avatara Raki. "'So, you think you're a dragon?' Or, an introduction to draconity."
41. DrakeLightBearer.
42. Draconity FAQ, current version
43. "Elenari FAQ."
44. As far as I know, the earliest record of someone in the otherkin community who identified as a dragon was in 1990. For more information, see my *Otherkin Timeline*.
45. Therianthropes.com, "Draconity."
The earliest still-extant public website mentioning people on alt.fan.dragons who identify as dragons, and which uses many of the enduring cultural in-jokes of alt.fan.dragons, is by Dymus the Daring.
46. Wolf VanZandt, "Terms and concepts."
47. Therianthropes.com, "Draconity."
48. DrakeLightBearer.
49. As in the "Draconity FAQ," which doesn't use the words "otherkin" or "therianthrope."
50. DrakeLightBearer.
51. Wikipedia. "Териантропия."
52. Katmandu, ed. "AHWW Combined FAQs."
53. Specific people within the therianthrope community who have written about their experiences that they call "dream shifting" include:
- Ally, "My WereCard."
Ashen Claw, "My WereCard."
Blakvale, "My WereCard."
Christian, "My WereCard."
Darkness Falls, "My WereCard."
DevilWolf (Panther of the Wolf, Celina W.). "My WereCard."
Dobutsu, "My WereCard."
DustWolf, "My WereCard."
Ely Wolf. *Spiritual conflict*. 2007-06-02.
Khato Berian, "My WereCard."
Kota, "My WereCard."
Kveldulf, "My WereCard."
Lance Foxx. "My personal dream shifting experiences."
Lone Wolf (J.), "My WereCard."
Loupa D'Ambre, "My WereCard."
Mange, "My WereCard."
Maverick Wolf, "My WereCard."
Metawolf. "My WereCard."
Nitestalker, "My WereCard."
Padfoot Bedlam Dogstar, "My WereCard."

Polaris, "My WereCard."

RandomShifts (O. W.), "My WereCard."

Sabersinger, "My WereCard."

Shadow Bard, "My WereCard."

Shadowfang (D. L.), "My WereCard."

Skoll, "My WereCard."

Solulo, "My WereCard."

54. Sources stating that the shifter's physical human body sleeps during this shift:

Banulf, "Types of shift."

Elinox, "Terms."

55. Sources stating that a dream shift is a shift that takes place within a dream:

Elinox, "Terms."

Greene, p. 232.

Jessika, "Real werewolf shifting types."

Quil, "Introduction."

She Demon Wolf, "Shifting."

Shifters.org, "The shift list."

Sonne, "Types of shift."

Swiftpaw, "Werebeasts."

Lance Foxx, "Different kinds of shift."

Yaiolani, "Shifts."

56. Sources stating that a dream shift can involve dreaming of experiencing the transformation into another creature:

Greene, p. 232.

Katmandu, ed. "AHWW Combined FAQs."

She Demon Wolf, "Shifting."

Yaiolani, "Shifts."

57. Sources stating that a dream shift might not involve dreaming of being another creature, without experiencing the transformation into that creature:

Katmandu, ed. "AHWW Combined FAQs."

Greene, p. 232.

She Demon Wolf, "Shifting."

Yaiolani, "Shifts."

58. Sources stating that a dream shift may involve dreaming of being your animal side:

Katmandu, ed. "AHWW Combined FAQs."

Nahàni.

ShadowFox, "What is a therianthrope?"

She Demon Wolf, "Shifting."

Sonne, "Types of shift."

Swiftpaw, "Werebeasts."

Reemul. "On the subject of shifting."

59. Sources stating that a dream shift may involve dreaming of being a creature other than your own animal side: Katmandu, ed. "AHWW Combined FAQs."

Sonne, "Types of shift."

-
60. Sources stating *or strongly implying* that people who don't identify as therianthropes experience dream shifts too:
 Michele Jamal, *Deerdancer*, xxxviii-xxxix. (Jamal doesn't mention the therianthrope community, and doesn't use the term "dream shift," but describes phenomena which are the same as what the therianthrope community calls "dream shifts.")
 She Demon Wolf, "Shifting."
61. Sources stating that dream shifts are a very common type of shift:
 Jakkal, Shifting FAQ.
 Jessika, "Real werewolf shifting types."
 Mokele, "Shifting."
 She Demon Wolf, "Shifting."
 Shifters.org, "The shift list."
62. Sources remarking that dream analysis and interpretation can later be applied to dream shifts, and that the dream shifts may be a message from one's inner self, animal side, or totem animal:
 Greene, p. 182.
 Greyhawk.
 Mokele, "Shifting."
 Nahàni.
 Reemul. "On the subject of shifting."
 She Demon Wolf, "Shifting."
63. Shifters.org, "The shift list."
64. Greyhawk.
 Mokele, "Shifting."
 Nahàni.
65. Shifters.org, "The shift list."
66. Greyhawk.
 Mokele, "Shifting."
 Nahàni.
67. Tolkien Gateway. "Elda."
68. The Silver Elves, *The Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1*, p. 18
69. Tolkien Gateway. "Eldamar."
70. The Silver Elves, *The Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1*, p. 19
71. "Elenari FAQ."
72. "Elenari FAQ."
73. "Elenari FAQ."
74. "Elenari FAQ."
75. "Elenari FAQ."
76. "Elenari FAQ."
77. "Elenari FAQ."
78. The Silver Elves, *The Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1*, p. 170, 204.
79. Greene, p. 234.
 Yaiolani.
80. Greene, p. 234.
81. Karenji, "Draconic dictionary."

-
82. "Elenari FAQ."
 83. Korra'ti, correspondence, 2010-07-22.
 84. E-mail between the author and Torin / Darren Stalder. 2010-11-06 and 08. Quoted and named with permission.
 85. Elenari Nexus, "Dancing through dreams of the past."
 86. Dan O'Dea, e-mail to the author regarding the *Otherkin Timeline*, sent 2011-05-27.
 87. From the 1996 archive of Rialian's site: <http://rialian.com/elves3-1996.htm>
 88. "Otherkin Gathers."
 89. Dan O'Dea, e-mail to the author regarding the *Otherkin Timeline*, sent 2011-05-27
 90. "Otherkin Gathers."
 91. Such as Kinvention North.
 92. Such as the first otherkin gather, and many others.
 93. Tserisa, "You might be a dragon..."
 94. Elinox, "Terms."
 95. Blue.
 96. Katmandu, ed. *The AHWW Combined FAQ*.
 97. Nesperit Luncast, "Therian terminology."
 98. Nesperit Luncast, "Therian terminology."
 99. Kiric, "Were-related words."
 100. Tserisa, "Draconic Dictionary."
VenTatsu, "Greggil."
 101. Karenji, "Draconic dictionary."
 102. Karenji, "Draconic dictionary."
 103. Thanks to Arethinn for reminding me about this word, in an e-mail sent 2012-07-10.
 104. Polar.
 105. KatmanDu, ed., "AHWW Core FAQ."
 106. Therianthropes.com, "Howls."
 107. Such as the Summer Canadian Howl in 1998.
RavenWolf, "Summer Canadian Howl."
 108. Growrr, "Howl 2003."
 109. Lanina, e-mail to the author regarding the *Otherkin Timeline*, sent 2011-01-02.
 110. Such as EuroHowl and BritHowl. Lone Wolf, "Eurohowls."
 111. Including the first Howl.
 112. Therianthropes.com, "Howls."
Lanina, e-mail to the author regarding *Otherkin Timeline*, sent 2011-01-02.
 113. EuroHowl.
 114. Blue.
 115. Greene, p. 235.
 116. "Elenari FAQ."
 117. Malcolm-Rannirl, "Dictionary."
 118. Lupa wrote, "I use 'kin as an abbreviation of Otherkin," in Lupa, *A Field Guide to Otherkin*, p. 20.
- Sources seen using this abbreviation:
Aeldra Nightwood.
Taylor Ellwood, "Otherkin identity: Is it more than just a label?"

Gazer, "Am I otherkin?"

Miaren Crow's Daughter, "So... you're awake?"

Tiernan, "From the heart out."

119. This is one of the editing mistakes in Lupa's *A field guide to otherkin*. 'Kin is written throughout it with an opening single quotation mark instead of an apostrophe, a common error in word processing software that went uncorrected to print.

120. DrakeLightBearer

121. The earliest post on Tumblr.com tagged "kinfeels" was:

Krosisziivith (Sampledtelevision). "Today/yesterday(Depending on timezones ...)" 2011-12-24.

Dragonwinged antlered spacedog. <http://sampledtelevision.tumblr.com/post/14757187146>

122. Anonymous private message, sent to the author to help with this lexicon, sent on 2012-07-11.

123. Anonymous private message, sent to the author to help with this lexicon, 2012-07-11

124. Tsu, private message sent to the author to help with this lexicon, 2012-07-11.

125. Tsu, private message sent to the author to help with this lexicon, 2012-07-11.

126. Wikipedia, "Териантропия."

127. "Elenari FAQ."

128. Rialian, ed. "Li'star'i word list (Elven language page)."

129. Sources stating that a dream shift can happen in a lucid dream state or in a non-lucid dream state, and/or using the term "lucid dream shift:"

Banulf, "Types of shift."

Greene, p. 183.

Jakkal, Shifting FAQ.

Lance Foxx, "Different kinds of shift."

Mokele, "Shifting."

Razza.

Reemul. "On the subject of shifting."

Shifters.org, "The shift list."

Swiftpaw, "Werebeasts."

130. Guiley, p. 192.

131. Guiley, p. 191.

132. Swiftpaw, "Tracing the origins of the term 'therianthropy.'"

Neserit Luncast, "Therian terminology."

133. Paul E. Keck, Harrison G. Pope, James I. Hudson, Susan L. McElroy, and Aaron R. Kulick.

"Lycanthropy: Alive and well in the twentieth century." *Psychological Medicine* 18 (1988) 113-115.

134. Neserit Luncast, "Therian terminology."

Razza Wolf. "'Werewolf' and thoughts on WereCulture."

135. Swiftpaw, "Tracing the origins of the term 'therianthropy.'"

136. Lynx Canadensis. "What does it mean to be a Were- and is Were the word to use?"

137. Swiftpaw, "Tracing the origins of the term 'therianthropy.'"

138. Jakkal, Yaiolani, and Greene all preferred to refer to therianthropes as "shifters."

139. Swiftpaw. "What a Were Is: My Input on the 2002 Terms War."

140. Katmandu, ed. "AHWW Combined FAQs."

141. Sources stating that a variety of kinds of shift are included in the category of magical shifting: Greene, p. 236.

142. Sources stating that magical shifting is aided by magical practices:

Greene, p. 236.

Katmandu, ed. "AHWW Combined FAQs."

143. Sources mentioning a formal magical ritual or ceremony as a method for magical shifting:

Katmandu, ed. "AHWW Combined FAQs."

Greene, p. 236.

Jessika, "Real werewolf shifting types."

144. Sources that mention wearing a wolf skin or belt as a method for magical shifting:

Greene, p. 236.

Jessika, "Real werewolf shifting types."

145. Sources that mention use of a salve as a method for magical shifting:

Greene, p. 236.

Jessika, "Real werewolf shifting types."

146. Sources that mention magical shifting methods described in medieval werewolf trials:

Jessika, "Real werewolf shifting types."

Sources on werewolf trials in the medieval ages up to the seventeenth century: Guiley, p. 192, 195, 240, 258-259, 317.

147. Katmandu, ed. "AHWW Combined FAQs."

148. Sources offering a definition for mental shifting similar to this:

Elinox, "Terms."

Neserit Luncast, "Types of shifting."

Quil, "Introduction."

ShadowFox, "What is a therianthrope?"

She Demon Wolf, "Shifting."

Shifters.org, "The shift list."

Sonne Spiritwind, "Types of shifts."

Wolf VanZandt, "Terms and concepts."

Yaiolani, "An experience of mental shifting."

149. Sources stating a mental shift isn't physical:

Greene, p. 236.

Quil, intro.

Reemul, "On the subject of shifting."

Yaiolani, "An experience of mental shifting."

150. Jessika, "Real werewolf shifting types."

151. Sources stating a mental shift can include phantom limb sensations:

Meirya.

Quil, intro.

Reemul, "On the subject of shifting."

Tygerwolfe, "Shift happens 3."

152. Sources stating that a mental shift can include heightened or animal-like senses:

Neserit Luncast, "Types of shifting."

Lance Foxx, "Different kinds of shift."

Yaiolani, "Shifts."

153. Sources stating that a mental shift can happen involuntarily:

Greywolf, "Shifting experiences."

Neserit Luncast, "Types of shifting."

Razza.

Reemul, "On the subject of shifting."

Tygerwolfe, "Shift happens 1."

Tygerwolfe, "Shift happens 3."

154. Sources stating that a shifter can intentionally cause a mental shift:

Mokele, "Shifting."

Neserit Luncast, "Types of shifting."

Razza.

Reemul, "On the subject of shifting."

Swiftpaw, "Step-by-step guide to shifting."

155. Mokele, "Shifting."

156. These sources state that a mental shift can include feeling playful, restless, panicked, nervous, content, or energetic:

Meiryra.

Mokele, "Shifting."

Susitar.

Yaiolani, "Mental shift."

157. Sources stating that a mental shift can be mild (light) or intense (deep):

Greene, p. 236.

She Demon Wolf, "Shifting."

Sonne Spiritwind, "Types of shifts."

Yaiolani, "Shifts."

158. Therianthropes stating that during a mental shift, they felt like they needed to express animal behavior, possibly including vocalizations, and in some cases have done so without meaning to:

Susitar.

Meiryra.

Tigris.

Tygerwolfe, "Shift happens 3."

Kota, "My Wereward."

Sources stating that this happens, without explicitly speaking from personal experience:

Mokele, "Shifting."

Neserit Luncast, "Different types of shift."

159. Therianthropes stating that during a mental shift, they reacted to startling stimuli in an animal-like way:

Razza, "Through the eyes of a predator."

Tygerwolfe, "Shift happens 3."

Ketrino, "Shift analysis."

Sources stating this without explicitly speaking from personal experience: Neserit Luncast, "Types of shifting."

160. Reemul, "On the subject of shifting."

161. "The shift list." shifters.org

162. Sources using this abbreviation:

Sonne Spiritwind, "Types of shifts."

Greyhawk.

Nahani.

163. The earliest post on Tumblr.com tagged "metalimbs" is this one: Tammy of Leo System (leotrio), "Also, is it a thing for phantom limbs ..." 2012-01-14. *This place is nowhere after all.*

<http://leotrio.tumblr.com/post/15853241860>

164. Shifters.org, "The shift list."

165. Greyhawk.

166. Therian Círculo.

167. Moonlight (blackthornglade), "Kin conundrum: The puzzle of multi-kin."

168. Moonlight (blackthornglade), "Kin conundrum: The puzzle of multi-kin."

169. Moonlight (blackthornglade), "Kin conundrum: The puzzle of multi-kin."

170. The Silver Elves, *The Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1*, p. 179-180

171. The Silver Elves, *The Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1*, p. 179-180

172. Karenji, "Draconic dictionary."

173. Karenji, "Draconic dictionary."

174. Baxil, "The Dragon Code Page." <http://www.tomorrowlands.org/draconity/oldcode.html>

175. ExistingPhantom. "The early history of AFD."

176. E-mail between the author and R'ykandar Korra'ti, 2010-07-22.

177. E-mail between the author and Torin / Darren Stalder. 2010-11-06 and 08. Quoted and named with permission. Also e-mail between the author and R'ykandar Korra'ti, 2010-07-22.

178. On the issue of whether to capitalize the word "otherkin," Lupa wrote, "I [...] always capitalize it, another personal preference; Rialian's preface, for example, uses 'otherkin' [not capitalized]."

In Lupa, *A Field Guide to Otherkin*, p. 20.

Sources that spell Otherkin with a capital O include:

Taylor Ellwood, "Otherkin identity: Is it more than just a label?"

Lupa, *A field guide to otherkin*.

Miaren Crow's Daughter, "So... you're awake?"

Sources that spell otherkin with a lowercase o include:

The Crisses, mka Alyessa Oaktree, "Otherkin and society."

Eradea, "The otherkin problem."

Tirl Windtree, "What are otherkin?"

Sources that sometimes spell otherkin with a capital O, sometimes with a lowercase O:

Arhúaine, "Physically human?"

Gazer, "Am I otherkin?"

Tiernan, "From the heart out."

179. E-mail between the author and Torin / Darren Stalder. 2010-11-06 and 08. Quoted and named with permission. Also e-mail between the author and R'ykandar Korra'ti, 2010-07-22.

180. Sources giving similarly-worded definitions for "otherkin" as people who identify as other than human:

Tirl Windtree, "What are otherkin?"

Tirl Windtree, "What is an otherkin?"

Wolf in the Shadows, "Otherkin."

Windrider, "Otherkin."

Adnarel, "What are otherkin, anyway?"

Miaren Crow's Daughter, "What are otherkin?"

Belanger, 274.

Kreyas, "What is otherkin?"

Reklaw.

Belanger, "Dragons & Faeries & Gnomes Oh My! The Fascinating World of Otherkin."

Lupa, "Otherkin and the Pagan community."

Arhuaine.

Starelf, quoted by the Crisses, ed., "Otherkin & Awakening FAQ v 3.0 Beta."

The Crisses, ed., "Otherkin FAQ v 4.0.1."

Tocosar Ætlanatra (Dandelion Æ), "Why an Elf? An examination of the tendencies of Otherkin to associate themselves with mythological beings." 2001-05.

<http://otherkin.net/articles/whyAnElf.html>

181. Sources defining otherkin as people who identify as creatures from myth and legend:

Polydorases, quoted by the Crisses, ed., "Otherkin & Awakening FAQ v 3.0 Beta."

Eyovah, quoted by the Crisses, ed., "Otherkin & Awakening FAQ 3.0 Beta."

Belanger, "Dragons ..."

Belanger, 274.

Aeldra Nightwood.

Wolf in the Shadows.

Windrider.

182. Sources calling it an identity: Windrider.

183. Sources stating this identification isn't role-play:

"FAQ *Otherkin Hispano & Noctaliium*."

Kreyas.

Lupa, *A field guide to otherkin*, p. 27, 108-109.

184. Sources stating that otherkin is a spirituality (or stating that many otherkin consider it to be so):

Otherkin.net, "On being otherkin." *Otherkin: The Missing Manual*.

Windrider.

Kreyas.

Polydorases, quoted by the Crisses, ed., "Otherkin & Awakening FAQ v 3.0 Beta."

Belanger, 274.

185. Sources emphasizing the individualism of otherkin:

Tirl Windtree, "What are otherkin?"

The Crisses, ed., "Crisses' Otherkin FAQ v 4.0.1."

186. Sources stating that many otherkin believe in personal souls and consider themselves to be other than human in spirit or soul:

Tirl Windtree, "What are otherkin?"

Wolf in the Shadows.

Adnarel.

Windrider.

Kreyas.

Reklaw.

Belanger, "Dragons..."

Cara Des'tai.

HumbleLightworker, "Otherkin."

Arhuaine.

The Crisses, ed., "Otherkin FAQ 4.0.1."

Lupa, *A field guide to otherkin*, p. 27.

Lupa, "Otherkin and the Pagan community."

187. Sources stating that many otherkin who believe in reincarnation and consider themselves to have been other than human in a past incarnation:

Tirl Windtree, "What are otherkin?"

Wolf in the Shadows.

Windrider.

Kreyas.

Reklaw.

Belanger, "Dragons..."

Lupa, "Otherkin and the Pagan community."

Lupa, *A field guide to otherkin*, p. 57-58.

HumbleLightworker.

Reverend Kim, "What the heck's an otherkin?"

Arhúaine, "What are otherkin?"

Adara, quoted by the Crisses, ed., "Otherkin & Awakening FAQ v 3.0 Beta."

Ghostshadow, quoted by the Crisses, ed., "Otherkin & Awakening FAQ v 3.0 Beta."

Aeldra Nightwood.

Adzia.

188. Sources stating that "otherkin" isn't a religion:

Wolf in the Shadows.

Kreyas.

"FAQ *Otherkin Hispano & Noctaliium*."

189. Sources stating that otherkin practice a variety of religions:

"FAQ *Otherkin Hispano & Noctaliium*."

Lupa, "Otherkin and the Pagan community."

190. When I researched the *Otherkin Timeline*, I came to understand that it has been the case that most of the participants of the otherkin community practice Neo-Pagan religions, ever since the roots of the elven parts of the otherkin community in the 1970s. Neo-Pagan thought predominated in the otherkin community during the 1990s and 2000s.

191. Sources stating that many otherkin practice Neo-Pagan religions:

Belanger, "Dragons ..."

Lupa, "Otherkin and the Pagan community."

Arhuaine.

192. In this case, it's necessary to specify some individuals who believe this, rather than just alleging that some such individuals exist. The founder of Otherkin.net, Rannirl Windtree, claims to be

physically other than human, "a human-elven crossbreed," in "Here and now." 2002-04.
otherkin.net/articles/hereNow.html

The Silver Elves claim to be the genetic descendants of elves in "Elves and brownies * A letter to Keith Olberman." 2009-09-15. silverelves.wordpress.com/2009/09/15

Wildelf wrote that in the Eighties, more people identified as other than human for physical reasons, in "Various theories and the like..." 2002-03-01. otherkin.livejournal.com/30114.html

Arhúaine posited that a non-human soul in a human body could result in that body being different from the average human body, in "Physically human?" 2002-04.

<http://otherkin.net/articles/physicallyHuman.html>

Lupa examines the physical claims of several otherkin *and* therianthropes *and* vampires in Lupa, *A field guide to otherkin*, p. 66-72.

193. Sources that use the word "otherkin" as an umbrella term that includes people who identify as animals (therianthropes):

Wolf in the Shadows.

Adnarel.

Windrider.

Belanger, "Dragons..."

Lupa, "Otherkin and the Pagan community."

194. Sources that use the word "otherkin" as an umbrella term that includes people who identify as vampires:

Lupa, "Otherkin and the Pagan community."

195. Nina Bangs, *Eternal Pleasure*. Wayne, PA: Leisure Books, 2008.

196. Anya Bast, *Blood of an Angel*. New York: Ellora's Cave, 2005.

197. Delilah Devlin. *Into the Darkness*. New York: Avon Red, 2007.

198. The earliest post on Tumblr.com tagged "otherlimbs" is this one: Feral (genuineferalswagger), "Draconickin drew their otherlimbs, so ..." 2012-02-19. *Genuine Feral Swagger*.

<http://genuineferalswagger.tumblr.com/post/17906673295>

199. Elinox, "Terms."

200. Sources defining "physical shift" in this way:

Yaiolani, "Shifts."

Elinox, "Terms."

Reemul, "On the subject of shifting."

Wolf VanZandt, "Terms and concepts."

Greene, p. 237.

201. Sources stating there's no proof that physical shifting has happened or ever could:

Elinox, "Terms."

Mokele, "Shifting."

Lupa, "Why physical shapeshifting is bollocks."

202. Sources by people in the therianthrope community which publicly state that the authors don't believe in physical shifting:

Quil, "Introduction."

Mokele, "Shifting."

Lupa, "Why physical shapeshifting is bollocks."

203. Sources stating that many therianthropes hope and yearn to physically shift:

Jakkal, *Shifting FAQ*.

Shifters.org, "The shift list."

Yaiolani, "Shifts."

Reemul, "On the subject of shifting."

Wolf VanZandt, "Terms and concepts."

Lupa, "Why physical shapeshifting is bollocks."

204. Reemul, "On the subject of shifting."

205. Nahàni.

206. Shifters.org, "The shift list."

207. Sources giving this particular definition for this term:

Neserit Luncast, "Therian terminology."

Therianthropes.com, "Polymorph."

208. Quil, "Introduction."

209. Arethinn and Willow, "Polymorph."

210. Arethinn and Willow, "Polymorph."

211. Therian Círculo.

212. She Demon Wolf, "Shifts."

213. Earth Listener, of Chimera. "My polytherianthropy: Trinity nature."

Note that Earth Listener self-describes as a "polytherian." So there are people who call themselves polytherians.

214. Sonne, "Terms and definitions." *Project Shift*.

215. Sources giving this particular definition for this term:

Jakkal, *Shifting FAQ*, 1999.

Shifters.org, "Common terms."

216. Sources giving this particular definition for this term:

Jakkal, *Shifting FAQ*.

Shifters.org, "Common terms."

Yaiolani, "Spiritwalker & Wendigo Annex."

She Demon Wolf, "Shifts."

Mokele, "Cameo."

Greene, p. 236.

Therianthropes.com, "Polywere."

Tygerwulfe, "Therianthropy: A personal definition."

217. Random Shifts (O. W.), "My WereCard."

218. Shadow Flash (A.), "My WereCard."

219. Tygerwulfe, "Therianthropy: A personal definition."

220. Sonne, "Terms and definitions." *Project Shift*.

This also says that polytherian is synonymous with some meanings of polywere: Earth Listener, of Chimera. "My polytherianthropy: Trinity nature."

221. Shifters.org, "The shift list."

222. Jakkal, *Shifting FAQ*, 1999

223. Greyhawk.

Nahani.

224. "Elenari FAQ."

225. The Silver Elves, *The Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1*, p. 13

226. Sources giving this particular definition for this term:

Banulf, "Types of shift."

She Demon Wolf, "Shifts."

ShadowFox, "What is a therianthrope?"

Razza Wolf. "An introduction to spiritual lycanthropy."

227. Sources giving this particular definition for this term:

Lance Foxx, "Different kinds of shifting."

Neserit Luncast, "Types of shifting."

228 Sources giving this particular definition for this term:

Jessika, "Real werewolf shifting types."

She Demon Wolf, "Shifts."

229. Greene, p. 238

230. Jakkal, *Shifting FAQ*, 1999.

231. Sources stating it's not a physical shift:

Jakkal, *Shifting FAQ*, 1999.

Shifters.org, "The shift list."

232. Sources stating that this shift can be perceived by witnesses:

Elinox, "Terms."

233. Sources stating that the shifter's appearance visibly seems to change:

Jakkal, *Shifting FAQ*.

Shifters.org, "The shift list."

234. Sources stating that the animal form visible around the shifter is a transparent apparition:

She Demon Wolf, "Shifting."

235. Sources stating that this shift happens in dim lighting:

Jakkal, *Shifting FAQ*.

Shifters.org, "The shift list."

Elinox, "Terms."

She Demon Wolf, "Shifting."

236. Sources saying that this shift could be explained rationally, rather than being a supernatural phenomenon:

Elinox, "Terms."

237. Sources saying that this shift could be a mass hallucination:

Jakkal, *Shifting FAQ*.

Shifters.org, "The shift list."

238. "The shift list." *Shifters.org*.

239. Elinox, "Terms."

240. Blue.

241. Blue.

242. Shifters.org, "The shift list."

243. Wolf VanZandt wrote, "Shifting is short for shapeshifting." In Wolf VanZandt, "Terms and concepts."

Yaiolani wrote, "Shifting is short for 'shapeshifting.' For some, it is merely a useful shortening of a word that is a bit too long and awkward to be using all the time. Others say that the 'shape' part is

deliberately dropped because they don't want to imply that all shifts involve physical transformation." In Yaiolani, "Shifts."

244. Reemul wrote, "Shifting is a catch-all term to describe some kind of change."

In Reemul, "On the subject of shifting."

245. Greyhawk.

Quil, intro.

246. Swiftpaw points out, "Regular humans can shift, too."

In Swiftpaw. "What a Were Is: My Input on the 2002 Terms War."

otherwonders.com/swiftpaws/therian/old/whatawereis.html (defunct)

Wolf VanZandt wrote, "Shifts are not unique to Therians. Everyone experiences changes of personality from one context to another. It's common, for instance, for a business man to be a 'different person' at home than when he is at work." In Wolf VanZandt, "Terms and concepts."

Mokele wrote, "Shifting does not make one therian, nor do all therians shift (some are in an intermediate mindset 24/7). In fact, any Joe Sixpack can, with the right know-how, shift. [...] 'shamanic shapeshifting', is basically the same method and experience, but with a few minor differences, and one huge one [...]" In Mokele, "So, what's this 'therianthropy' thing?"

247. Sources giving a definition for "shifter" similar to this:

Blue.

Greene, p. 238.

Lance Foxx, "Different kinds of shifting."

Yaiolani, "What do all these terms mean?"

248. Greene, p. 16.

249. Yaiolani wrote, "some still prefer the term were-(their animal species) because they do not shift mentally or physically, and thus the term shifter is confusing."

In Yaiolani, "What do all these terms mean? (Terminology of werewolves, shapeshifters and therians from AHWW)"

250. Lion Templin. "A short view on modern contherianthropy."

Shifters.org. "Therianthropy- an overview."

251. "Elenari FAQ."

252. Yaiolani, "Shifter slang glossary."

253. Yaiolani, "Shifter slang glossary."

254. Shifters.org, "The shift list."

Banulf, "Types of shift."

255. Shifters.org, "The shift list."

256. Banulf, "Types of shift."

257. Shifters.org, "The shift list."

258. Shifters.org, "The shift list."

259. Shifters.org, "The shift list."

260. Shifters.org, "The shift list."

261. Therianthropes.com, "Skinwalkers." <http://www.therianthropes.com/skinwalkers.htm>

262. Greene, p. 238

263. Shifters.org, "The shift list."

264. Yaiolani, "What do all these terms mean?"

265. Yaiolani, "What do all these terms mean?"

266. Shifters.org, "The shift list."

267. Shifters.org, "The shift list."

268. Yaiolani.

Greene, p. 234

269. Wikipedia, "Териантропия."

270. Lanina, *Terianthropi*. sites.google.com/site/terianinfo/terianthropi

271. Wikipedia, "Териантропия."

272. Some examples of sources that use the term therian, some of which clarify that it's an abbreviation of therianthrope:

Mokele, "So, what's this 'therianthrope' thing?"

273. Sources stating that therianthropes identify as animals:

Wolf VanZandt defines a therianthrope as "a person who has a strong internal self-identification as a being of another species." In Wolf VanZandt, "Terms and concepts."

Therianthropes.com wrote, "In recent times, a subculture has developed that has adopted the word therianthrope to describe a sense of inner spiritual or psychological identification with a non-human animal. Persons who belong to that community are called therianthropes or therians and believe that while they have a human body, some important part of their mind, identity, or spirit is that of a non human animal." In Therianthropes.com, "Therianthrope."

274. Polar wrote, "Sometime in 1993, one of the posters to the [alt.horror.werewolves newsgroup ...] stated that he, himself, felt spiritually like he was a werewolf." In Polar, "Unofficial AHWW Archive."

Mokele wrote, "a newgroup, formed in 1992, called alt.horror.werewolves, which was focused on the discussion of werewolves, in the mythic sense, in movies, books, and assorted other media. [...]"

Over time, there was more and more speculation about the spiritual nature and consequences of the topic, until in 1993 some brave soul took the plunge and said he felt he was a wolf inside, spiritually."

In Mokele, "So, what's this 'therianthrope' thing?"

Therian Círculo. "*Introdução à Therian Comunidade* (Introduction to the therian community)."

275. Swiftpaw. "Tracing the Origins of the Term 'Therianthrope.'"

276. Therianthropes who complain about the length of the word "therianthrope:"

Razza Wolf wrote of the word "therianthrope" that it is "hated by some for being politically correct by not implying any specific species (lycanthrope = wolf) and loved by others for the same reason.

The problems with 'therianthrope' are somewhat different to lycanthrope and werewolf. It is not a word that 99.9% of the population are going to be familiar with, or understand. Which is where its first flaw is. It does not really describe who we are; rather it is Latin/Greek pseudoscientific

technobabble. Its second flaw is it's a mouthful, it hardly rolls off the tongue and explaining exactly what it means to people grows ever more tiresome." In Razza Wolf. "'Werewolf' and thoughts on

Were Culture."

Mokele wrote, "even 'therian' is a bulky and awkward term." In Mokele, "So, what's this 'therianthrope' thing?"

Ashen-Fox said that many therianthropes prefer to use the word "Were" instead of "therianthrope," because the latter is a "long winded word." In Ashen-Fox, "What is therianthrope?"

277. Yaiolani, "What do all these terms mean?"

278. Yaiolani, "What do all these terms mean?"

279. Wikipedia, "Териантропия." *Wikipedia*.

280. Therian Círculo.

281. Sources stating that therianthropes identify as animals:

Wulfhowl.com, "What's therianthropy?"

282. Sources stating that therianthropy isn't an animal spirit guide or totem:

Shifters.org wrote that a person who has an animal spirit guide is "not considered true 'therianthropy' because the animal counterpart is not really a part of the person, in body, mind or spirit." In "Therianthropy – an overview."

Wulfhowl.com wrote, "Therianthropy is *not* the same as having an animal totem, or a guide. To be a therianthrope, *you* are identifying with a certain species." In "What's therianthropy?"

Mokele, "So, what's this 'therianthropy' thing?"

283. Sources stating that this identification isn't a role-playing character:

Mokele, "So, what's this 'therianthropy' thing?"

Therian Círculo. "Introdução à Introdução (Introduction to the introduction)."

Shifters.org wrote, "Unlike the furry community, we [therianthropes] are *always* the animal within, computer on or off. [...] It is a part of our innermost being, not an overnight fad, or something we do because it's 'trendy.' [...] The desire [to be an animal ...] will not make you a spiritual therianthrope. If you simply have the desire to be an animal, you might find areas such as FurryMUCK or other 'role playing' arenas to be highly enjoyable [instead]." In Shifters.org, "Therianthropy – an overview."

Jakkal earlier wrote that therianthropy is "Not something as trivial as a role playing game or a thought experiment in some author's study... but a real and present part of a person's everyday life." In Jakkal, *Shifting FAQ* 1999.

284. Again, Shifters.org wrote, "Therianthropy is also not the simple love or desire to be an animal. [...]The desire [to be an animal ...] will not make you a spiritual therianthrope." In Shifters.org, "Therianthropy – an overview."

Wulfhowl.com wrote, "Simply liking/loving/being obsessed with an animal does not mean you are a therian, or that said animal is your theriotype [animal side]. Just because you like a certain animal a lot, it does not mean you are a therianthrope. Your theriotype is also not necessarily your favorite animal." In Wulfhowl.com, "What's therianthropy?"

Shadowsmyst wrote, "Just because you like, love or are obsessed with animals, doesn't necessarily mean that you are a therian. Its very important to realize that even if you are a therian, the animal you are obsessed with may not even be your bond."

In ShadowsMyst. "Dispelling the myths." n.d. <http://shadowsden.org/therianmyths.html>

285. Wulfhowl.com, "What's therianthropy?" <http://www.wulfhowl.com/therianthrope-definition/>

286. Sources stating that therianthropes acknowledge that they are physically human:

Shifters.org wrote, "Therianthropes are human. By very definition of the word, every therianthrope is part human, whether body, mind, or spirit. One of the biggest misconceptions in the were community are from those that either believe they are better than humans, those that believe we are not true humans, and those that believe they have superhuman traits/characteristics." In Shifters.org, "Therianthropy – an overview."

Wulfhowl.com defined a therianthrope as "A person who is, feels, or believes he/she is in part or whole (non-physically) one or more non-human animals on an integral, personal level." In "What's therianthropy?"

Ashen-Fox wrote that the acknowledgement of being physically human is what makes therianthropes different from clinical lycanthropes: “Therianthropy is [...] a constant state of self-awareness and the belief that while our bodies are 100% human – the souls that we’re born with are entirely different. This is the primary difference between the reality of being a Therian, and fantasy of a clinical disorder. We’re human. [...] Our bodies are human, but our minds, souls, et cetera, aren’t.” In Ashen-Fox, “What is therianthropy?”

Sonne, “Terms and definitions.” *Project Shift*.

287. Sources stating that some therianthropes believe that their therianthropy is a spirituality:

Therianthropes.com, “Therianthropy.”

288 Sources stating that some therianthropes believe they were animals in previous incarnations:

Jakkal wrote, “These are Weres that believe that they were either animals in a previous life.” In

Jakkal, *Shifting FAQ*, 1999.

Wulfhowl.com wrote that therianthropy can include “The belief that you were a certain animal in a past life, which is somehow significant to your current life.” In “What’s therianthropy?”

289. Sources stating that some therianthropes believe they have an animal spirit in a human body:

Jakkal wrote, “These are Weres that believe that [...] they are simply *the* animal within. Basically, they believe that no part of their spirit is human, it is entirely animal, functioning within a human body.” In Jakkal, *Shifting FAQ*, 1999.

Shifters.org wrote, “The spirit could be wholly animal (and they are human in body), or said person has both a human and animal spirit.” In “Therianthropy- an overview.”

Tygerwulfe defined a therianthrope as “An animal spirit in a human body.” In Tygerwulfe, “Therianthropy: A personal definition.”

Wulfhowl.com wrote that therianthropy can include “The belief of having the soul or spirit of an animal (or group of animals),” in “What’s therianthropy?”

Mokele gave this definition: “Therianthropy is the state of having a (soul, spirit, ka, essence, id, inner mind, insert appropriate term from your worldview here) which is wholly or partially that of a non-human animal, such as wolf, tiger, hawk, or just about anything else. Individuals who have such inner selves are known as Therianthropes, or just therians. [... Some] believe that their soul is part human and part animal.” In Mokele, “So, what’s this ‘therianthropy’ thing?”

Ashen-Fox, “What is therianthropy?”

290. Sources stating that therianthropy isn’t a religion:

Wulfhowl.com wrote, “Therianthropy is *not* a religion; in fact, some therianthropes identify as atheist.” In “What’s therianthropy?”

Mokele, “So, what’s this ‘therianthropy’ thing?”

Therian Círculo. “*Introdução à Introdução* (Introduction to the introduction).”

291. Wulfhowl.com wrote, “Therianthropy is not necessarily spiritual,” in Wulfhowl.com, “What’s therianthropy?”

292. Sources stating that some therianthropes believe that they are psychologically like an animal:

Therianthropes.com, “Therianthropy.”

Wulfhowl.com, “What’s therianthropy?”

Quil wrote, “Therianthropes' personalities are partially not human; certain instincts and feelings aren't of the primate type.” In Quil, “Introduction.”

-
- Wulfhowl.com wrote that therianthropy can include “Psychological factors which connect you to an animal (or group of animals).” In “What’s therianthropy?”
- Mokele wrote, “Some therians are atheist, and interpret their self-identification as an animal in terms of psychology (Jung is popular among those that share this worldview, though not the only option).”
- In Mokele, “So, what’s this ‘therianthropy’ thing?”
293. Sources stating that (many) therianthropes experience shifting:
- Quil wrote, “Shapeshifting, for animal people, is a way of getting in touch with the beastie inside.”
- In Quil, “Introduction.”
- Mokele, “So, what’s this ‘therianthropy’ thing?”
294. Therian Circulo
295. Wolf VanZandt, “Terms and concepts.”
296. Wikipedia, “Териантропия.”
297. Wikipedia, “Териантропия.”
298. Sources using this definition of theriotype:
- Wolf VanZandt, “Terms and concepts.”
- Therianthropes.com, “Theriotype.”
299. Therian Círculo.
300. “Elenari FAQ.”
301. Sources stating that “Were” was adopted as an abbreviation of “werewolf:”
- Greene, p. 239-240.
302. Lynx Canadensis, “What does it mean to be a Were – and is Were the word to use?”
303. Dragonslorefury. “Weres and therians.” otherkin.net/articles/therianWere.html
- Yaiolani, “What do all these terms mean?”
304. Yaiolani. “Werewolf and shapeshifter annex: Weredog annex.”
305. Greene, p. 239-240.
306. Elinox, “Terms.”
307. Sources defining this term in this way:
- Greyhawk.
- Swiftpaw, “Werebeasts.”
- Stalks-By-Night (G. T.), “My WereCard.”
308. Wolf VanZandt, “Terms and concepts.”
309. Sources offering this definition for this term:
- Jakkal, *Shifting FAQ*, 1999.
- Shifters.org, “Common terms.”
- Greene, p. 240.
310. Jakkal, *Shifting FAQ*, 1999.
- Shifters.org, “Common terms.”
311. Shifters.org, “Common terms.”
312. Yaiolani, “What do all these terms mean? (Terminology of werewolves, shapeshifters and therians from AHWW).”
313. For more information about how the therianthrope community began on alt.horror.werewolves, see another of my books, the *Otherkin Timeline*.
314. Sources on the case against calling one’s self a werewolf:
- Greene, p. 16, 240.

Razza Wolf. "'Werewolf' and thoughts on WereCulture." 2000-06-24.

razza.were.net/articles/werewolf.html (defunct)

Lupa. "I am not a werewolf."

315. Yaiolani, "What do all these terms mean?"

316. Yaiolani, "What do all these terms mean?"

317. Yaiolani, "What do all these terms mean?"

318. Yaiolani, "What do all these terms mean?"

319. Wikipedia, "Териантропия."

Bibliography

- Adnarel. "What are otherkin, anyway?" *Otherkin Alliance*.
<http://main.otherkinalliance.org/articles/general-otherkin/what-are-otherkin-anyway>
- Adzia. "Otherkine - kým jsi a kým chceš být? (Otherkin: Who are you and who do you want to be?)"
 2009-01-03. cavern.cz/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=355&Itemid=28
- Ætlanatra, Tocosar (Dandelion Æ), "Why an Elf? An examination of the tendencies of Otherkin to associate themselves with mythological beings." 2001-05.
<http://otherkin.net/articles/whyAnElf.html>
- Akhila. "For a non-essentialist understanding of animality." 2011-04.
<http://akhila.feralscribes.org/2011/for-a-non-essentialist-understanding-of-animality/>
- Allan, Keith. *Concise Encyclopedia of Semantics*. Kidlington, Oxford: Elsevier Ltd., 2009.
- Ally. "My WereCard." <http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/ally.html> (defunct, archive)
- Arethinn and Willow. "Polymorph." Circa 2000.
<http://web.archive.org/web/200101080414/http://www.absinthia.com/otherkin/kintypes/polymorph.html>
- Arhúaine. "Physically human?" 2002-04. *Otherkin.net*.
<http://otherkin.net/articles/physicallyHuman.html>
- Arhúaine. "What are otherkin?" Circa 2000.
stormpages.com/wolfglade/Arhúaine/otherkinwhat.html (defunct).
- Ashen Claw. "My WereCard." <http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/ashen.html> (defunct, archive).
- Ashen-Fox. "What is therianthropy?" 2009-02. <http://deviantart.com/deviation/115731755>
- Avatara Raki. "'So, you think you're a dragon?' Or, an introduction to draconity." 2006.
<http://www.weyr.org/drp/introdraconity.html>
- Bangs, Nina. *Eternal Pleasure*. Wayne, PA: Leisure Books, 2008.
- Banulf. "Types of shifting." Circa 1998? Updated 2001-01-17.
http://geocities.com/pilotwolf143/types_of_shift.htm (defunct) or archive:
oocities.org/pilotwolf143/types_of_shift.htm
- Bast, Anya. *Blood of an Angel*. New York: Ellora's Cave, 2005.
- Baxil. "The Draconity FAQ." Updated 2011-09-01. <http://www.tomorrowlands.org/draconity/faq>
- Baxil. "The Dragon Code Page." <http://www.tomorrowlands.org/draconity/oldcode.html>
- Bayless, Raymond. *Animal ghosts*. New York: University Books, 1970.
- Belanger, Michelle. "Dragons & Faeries & Gnomes Oh My! The Fascinating World of Otherkin."
- Belanger, Michelle. *The Psychic Vampire Codex: A Manual of Magick and Energy Work*. York Beach, ME: Weiser, 2004.
- Blakvale. "My WereCard." <http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/alice.html> (defunct, archive)
- Blue. "Library." 2001. wingedwatchers.tripod.com/library.html Jakkal's list of types of shift, with added remarks by Blue.

- Blum, Deborah. *Ghost Hunters: William James and the search for scientific proof of life after death*. Penguin, 2007.
- Briggs, Katharine. *An Encyclopedia of Fairies*. New York: Pantheon, 1976.
- Christian. "My WereCard." <http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/christian.html> (defunct, archive)
- Crisses, the, ed. "Otherkin & Awakening FAQ v 3.0 Beta." 2000-01-13. astraeasweb.net/plural/cris-otherkinfaq-old.html
- Crisses, the, ed. "Otherkin FAQ v 4.0.1." 2001-02-08. astraeasweb.net/plural/cris-otherkinfaq.html
- Crisses, the, mka Alyessa Oaktree, "Otherkin and society."
- Crow's Daughter, Miaren. "So... you're awake?" 2000-04. otherkin.net/articles/wakeup.html
- Crow's Daughter, Miaren. "What are otherkin?" <http://home.otherkin.net/miaren/what.html>
- D'Ambre, Loupa. "My WereCard." <http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/loupa.html> (defunct, archive)
- Dæmon page, the. <http://daemonpage.com>
- Darkness Falls, "My WereCard." <http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/darknessfalls.html> (defunct, archive)
- Darkness Falls, "My WereCard." <http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/darknessfalls.html> (defunct, archive)
- Deem, James M. *How to find a ghost*. Houghton Mifflin, 1988.
- DevilWolf (Panther of the Wolf, Celina W.). "My WereCard." <http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/devilwolf.html> (defunct, archive)
- Devlin, Delilah. *Into the Darkness*. New York: Avon Red, 2007.
- Dobutsu. "My WereCard." <http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/dobutsu.html> (defunct, archive)
- DrakeLightBearer. "Glossary." *On Dragons' Wings*. <http://www.dragonswings.org/gloss.shtml>
- DustWolf. "My WereCard." <http://deviantart.com/deviation/49161543>
- Dymus the Daring. "The 100 point draconity corruption test." 1995. <http://www.armory.com/tests/draconity.html> A test to show how many in-jokes from contemporary alt.fan.dragons (AFD) the user can recognize. The test contains some references to sincerely identifying as a dragon. On the other hand, some other parts of the test are just meant to be silly, and aren't meant to be taken literally. People familiar with AFD in-jokes can tell which is which, but the mixture is still potentially confusing.
- Earth Listener, of Chimera. "My polytherianthropy: Trinity nature." 2007-07. Updated 2010-09. <http://houseofchimeras.livejournal.com/70962.html>
- Elenari FAQ. <http://www.elenari.net/Elenari/Elenarifaq4.html>
- Elenari Nexus. "Dancing through dreams of the past." *Dancing the Endless Dream*. <http://www.elenari.net/Dancing/dancingold.html>
- Elinox. "Terms." Created 2008-06-19. Updated 2012-02-17. <http://lupineinstincts.webs.com/terms.htm>
- Ellwood, Taylor. "Otherkin identity: Is it more than just a label?" otherkin.net/articles/identity.html
- Ely Wolf. *Spiritual conflict*. 2007-06-02. <http://deviantart.com/deviation/56676136>
- Eradea. "The otherkin problem." 2002-04. otherkin.net/articles/problem.html

- Evans, Hilary and Patrick Huyghe. *The field guide to ghosts and other apparitions*. Harper Perennial, 2000.
- ExistingPhantom, ed. "Alt.fan.dragons condensed FAQ." Updated 1999-08-26. <http://www.arcane-archive.org/faqs/faq.afdrgns.9908.php>
- ExistingPhantom, ed., "Alt.Fan.Dragons Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)." Updated circa 1996. <http://www.dragonfire.org/IndexFAQ.html>
- ExistingPhantom. "The early history of AFD, as present [sic] by ExistingPhantom." *Dragonfire*. ExistingPhantom. n.d. <http://www.dragonfire.org/AfdEarlyHistory.html>
- FAQ *Otherkin Hispano & Noctaliium*. otherkin-hispano.foroactivo.com/faq?dhtml=no
- FemmeKin glossary, A. 2007-06-01. 2007-06-11. otherkin.wordpress.com/2007/06/11/a-femmeKin-glossary/
- Feral (genuineferalswagger), "DraconicKin drew their otherlimbs, so ..." 2012-02-19. *Genuine Feral Swagger*. <http://genuineferalswagger.tumblr.com/post/17906673295>
- Foxx, Lance. "Different kinds of shifting." 1998. <http://www.playspoon.com/twi/shifting.html> (defunct) This article seems to be the source used in Jessika's and Nesorit Luncast's articles. Their wording is similar.
- Garlipp, P., T. Godecke-Koch, H. Haltenhof, and D. E. Dietrich. "Lykanthropie/Zoanthropismus – Erörterung eines psychopathologischen Phänomens (Lycanthropy/therianthropy – discussion of a psychopathological phenomenon)." *Fortschr Neurol Psychiat* 69 (2001) 215-220. Academic article on clinical lycanthropy, in German.
- Gazer, "Am I otherkin?" 2002-04. otherkin.net/articles/amI.html
- Gienah. "Terminology." *The daemon page*. daemonpage.com/terminology.php
- Greene, Rosalyn. *The Magic of Shapeshifting*. York Beach, ME: S. Weiser, 2000. A handbook for therianthropes (p. 7, 16), written by a wolf shifter (p. 180). It's recognizably based on concepts developed in the therianthrope community of alt.horror.werewolves in the 1990s, but the author only refers to this indirectly (p. 226), and instead implies that the jargon and concepts she describes can be traced to antiquity (p. 6). I'm currently working on writing a longer commentary on Greene's book, in which I try to find the origins of her uncited sources.
- Greyhawk. "Werebeasts." 1998. angelfire.com/sc/Greyhawk00/were.html
- GreyWolf. "Shifting experiences." shifters.org/shifting/greywolf1.asp (defunct) Descriptions of several experiences of mental shifts.
- Growrr. "Howl 2003." <http://www.therianthropy.ru/index.php?page=howls&subpage=howl1>
- Guiley, Rosemary Ellen. *The encyclopedia of vampires, werewolves, and other monsters*. Checkmark, 2004. An encyclopedia about these creatures in folklore and legend.
- Hoult, Powis. *A Dictionary of Some Theosophical Terms*. London: Theosophical Publishing Society, 1910.
- HumbleLightworker. "Otherkin." 2002-10-10. embracingmystery.org/articles/otherkin-humble.html
- Jakkal. *Shifting FAQ*. Updated 1999-12-24. Retrieved 2001-06-18. www.were.net/~pinky/shifters.html (defunct)
- Jamal, Michele. *Deerdancer: The shapeshifter archetype in story and in trance*. Penguin Books, 1995.
- Jessika. "Real werewolf shifting types." Circa 2002. <http://www.angelfire.com/mi2/horror/Shift.html> (defunct) This seems to be based on Tim S.'s article.
- Karenji. "Draconic dictionary." <http://www.labyrinth.net.au/~gsj/Karenji/Drakkydictionary.html>

Katmandu, ed. "AHHW Combined FAQs." Updated 1997-02-03.

<http://web.archive.org/web/20020818064945/http://www.swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Community/combfaq.html>

KatmanDu, ed., "AHHW Core FAQ." *The WEREWeb*. Version 97.1. Utlah. Updated 1997-02-03.

<http://www.swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Community/corefaq.html> (defunct)

Keck, Paul E., Harrison G. Pope, James I. Hudson, Susan L. McElroy, and Aaron R. Kulick.

"Lycanthropy: Alive and well in the twentieth century." *Psychological Medicine* 18 (1988) 113-115.

Ketrino. "Shift analysis." ketrino.angelfire.com/essay41.html

Khato Berian. "My WereCard." <http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/khato.html> (defunct, archive)

Kiric. "Were-related words."

<http://geocities.com/RainForest/Canopy/2114/Werewolf/words.html> (defunct)

Kota. "My WereCard." <http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/kota.html> (defunct, archive)

Kreyas. "What is otherkin?" http://otherkincoalition.info/forum/blog.php/?page_id=7 (defunct).

Krosisziivith (Sampledtelevision). "Today/yesterday(Depending on timezones ...)" 2011-12-24.

Dragonwinged antlered spacedog. <http://sampledtelevision.tumblr.com/post/14757187146>

Kveldulf. "My WereCard." <http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/kveldulf.html> (defunct, archive)

Lance Foxx. "My personal dream shifting experiences." 1994 through 2000.

<http://geocities.com/Area51/Dimension/9735/newdreams.html> (defunct, archive)

Lanina. *Teriantropi*. sites.google.com/site/terianinfo/teriantropi

Leadbeater, C. W. *The Astral Plane, its Scenery, Inhabitants, and Phenomena*. London: Theosophical Publishing Society, 1895.

Levi, Eliphas. *Dogma et Rituel Part I*. Trans. A. E. Waite.

http://www.hermetics.org/pdf/magic/DogmaEtRituel_Part_I.pdf

Lewis-Williams, J. D. "A dream of eland: An unexplored component of San shamanism and rock art."

World Archaeology 19:2 (Oct., 1987) <http://www.jstor.org/stable/124549>

Lone Wolf (J.), "My WereCard." <http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/lonewolf.html> (defunct, archive)

Lone Wolf. "Eurohowls." *Lone Wolf's Den*.

<http://wolfdens.critter.net/howlsandcons/eurohowls/index.htm>

Luncast, Nesperit. "Therian terminology." Circa 2003. <http://hiddenlair.org/therianterminology.htm> (defunct)

Luncast, Nesperit. "Types of shifting: A simple manual." Circa 2003.

<http://hiddenlair.org/shifting.htm> (defunct) This seems to be based on Lance Foxx's article.

Lupa. "I am not a werewolf." <http://otherkin.net/articles/notAWerewolf.html>

Lupa. "Otherkin and the Pagan community." 2006-10-22. *WitchVox*.

witchvox.com/va/dt_va.html?a=uswa&c=words&id=11030

Lupa. "Why physical shapeshifting is bollocks." 2012-07-06. *The Green Wolf*.

<http://thegreenwolf.tumblr.com/post/26638052677>

Lupa. "Wolf therians & pack." 2006-08-30. *House Eclipse*. <http://www.house-eclipse.org/wordpress/wolf-therians-pack/>

- Lupa. *A Field Guide to Otherkin*. Stafford, England: Immanion Press, 2007. Written by a wolf therianthrope and published by a small press, this book is an introductory description of the otherkin, therianthrope, and vampire communities, based on surveys collected from the participants of those communities.
- Lynx Canadensis. "Were-words 1: Phenotype or anima?" 1999-09-12.
<http://www.wildideas.net/temple/library/letters/werewords1.html>
- Lynx Canadensis. "What does it mean to be a Were – and is Were the word to use?" 1999-09-18 and 2005-01-20. <http://www.wildideas.net/temple/library/letters/weremeaning.html>
- Malcolm-Rannirl. "Dictionary." <http://otherkin.net/articles/dict.html>
- Mange. "My WereCard." <http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/mange.html> (defunct, archive)
- Maverick Wolf. "My WereCard." <http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/maverick.html> (defunct, archive)
- Meirya. "Feathers." 2005. akhila.feralscribes.org/guests/feathers.php
- Metawolf. "My WereCard." <http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/metawolf.html> (defunct, archive)
- Mokele, "Cameo shifts: Is it a new Wereside?" Circa 2003.
<http://therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/cameo.htm> (defunct)
- Mokele, "Shifting." Circa 2003. <http://www.therianthropy.org/mokele/essays/shifting.htm> (defunct)
- Moonlight (blackthornblade). "Kin conundrum: The puzzle of multi-kin." 2004-11-30.
<http://otherkin.livejournal.com/333920.html>
- Nahàni. "Some shifting types." 2000. <http://angelfire.com/biz4/nahani/stype.html> (defunct)
- Nightwood, Aeldra. "Otherkin." 2011. <http://divinorum.cz/symposion/otherkin/>
- Nitestalker. "My WereCard." <http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/nitestalker.html> (defunct, archive)
- Otherkin.com. "Technical Terms." *Otherkin.com* http://www.otherkin.com/?page_id=35
- Otherkin.net. "On being otherkin." *Otherkin: The Missing Manual*.
<http://otherkin.net/wiki/Manual/OnBeingKin>
- Padfoot Bedlam Dogstar, "My WereCard."
<http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/padfoot.html> (defunct, archive)
- Paleo. "That pack thing." akhila.feralscribes.org/2005/that-pack-thing
- Polar. "Unofficial AHWW Archive." *Wolfcountry: The werewolf forest*. Lobocursor Lyceus. 1998-06.
 Retrieved 1999-10-02. <http://www.furnation.com/lobo/forest/uh-AHWW.htm> (defunct)
- Polaris. "My WereCard." <http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/polaris.html> (defunct, archive)
- Powell, A. E. *The etheric double: The health aura of man*. London: Theosophical Publishing Society, 1925.
- Quil. "Animality defined: So what am I talking about anyway?" 2006-01-01.
<http://www.absurdism.org/therianthropy/defined.html>
- Quil. "Introduction to shapeshifting." <http://www.absurdism.org/therianthropy/introshift.html>
- RandomShifts (O. W.). "My WereCard."
<http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/randomshifts.html> (defunct, archive)

RavenWolf. "Summer Canadian Howl."

<http://www.fortunecity.com/meltingpot/anderson/576/ch1998.html>

Razza Wolf. "'Werewolf' and thoughts on WereCulture." 2000-06-24.

razza.were.net/articles/werewolf.html (defunct)

Razza Wolf. "Forms of shapeshifting." Circa 2001. <http://razza.were.net/articles/shapeshifting.html> (defunct) A list of types of shift.

Reemul. "On the subject of shifting." Circa 2000. Downloaded 2000-10-27.

<http://www.lycanthrope.org/index.php3?955670945>

Reklaw. "Otherkin: A short introduction." 2003-05-23. kuro5hin.org/story/2003/5/22/03514/1997

Rialian, ed. "Li'star'i word list (Elven language page)." <http://rialian.com/listari-language.htm>

Sabersinger. "My WereCard." <http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/sabersinger.html> (defunct, archive)

Serena, Miss. "An Aristasian glossary." 2009-03-11. aristasia-central.com/encyclopaedia/tiki-index.php?page=An%20Aristasian%20Glossary

Shadow Bard, "My WereCard." <http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/bard.html> (defunct, archive)

Shadow Flash (A.), "My WereCard." 1998-11-11.

swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/sflash.html (defunct)

Shadowfang (D. L.), "My WereCard."

<http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/shdwfng.html> (defunct, archive)

ShadowFox. "What is a therianthrope?" Circa 2005. <http://ravensorrow.com/Theiran.html> (defunct)

She Demon Wolf. "Shifting." Circa 2002. freewebs.com/moonscape/therianthropy/shift.html

Shifters.org (Jakkal, Blackwolf, ShadowsMyst, and WolfRider). "Common terms." Shifters.org.

Updated 2001-01-12. Downloaded 2001-05-26. <http://www.shifters.org/overview/terms.shtml> (defunct)

Shifters.org (Jakkal, Blackwolf, ShadowsMyst, and WolfRider). "Therianthropy- an overview."

Updated 2001-01-12. Shifters.org. Downloaded 2005-05-12.

<http://www.shifters.org/overview/therianthropy.shtml> (defunct)

Shifters.org (Jakkal, Blackwolf, ShadowsMyst, and WolfRider). "The shift list." Shifters.org. Updated 2001-01-12. Downloaded 2001-07-09. <http://www.shifters.org/shifting/types.shtml> (defunct)

Silver Elves, the. "Elves and brownies * A letter to Keith Olberman." 2009-09-15.

silverelves.wordpress.com/2009/09/15

Silver Elves, The. *The Magical Elven Love Letters, Vol. 1*. Sebastopol, CA: Silver Elves Publications, 2001.

Skoll. "My WereCard." <http://swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/skoll.html> (defunct, archive)

Spiritwind, Sonne. "Types of shifts." <http://project-shift.org/types-of-shifts/>

Stalks-By-Night (G. T.). "My WereCard." swampfox.demon.co.uk/utlah/Werecards/stalks.html (defunct)

Steinberg, Shirley, et al., eds. *Contemporary Youth Culture: An International Encyclopedia*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2006.

SummonerWolf. "Shifting." 2008-04-23. <http://deviantart.com/deviation/83714417>

SummonerWolf. "The differences between pack, family, friends, and acquaintances." 2009-07-04. <http://deviantart.com/deviation/128300845>

- Susitar. "Mentala skiften: tips och råd (Mental shifting: Tips and advice)." 2010-07-18.
<http://vargtheriantrop.wordpress.com/2010/07/18/mentala-skiften-tips-och-rad> Common traits of mental shifts. How to recognize an approaching mental shift so that you can make appropriate choices. Etiquette for friends of shifters.
- Swiftpaw. "Step-by-step guide to shifting."
otherwonders.com/swiftpaws/therian/shapeshifting.html (defunct)
- Swiftpaw. "Tracing the origins of the term 'therianthropy.'" Posted circa 2004. Downloaded 2004-12-24. <http://otherwonders.com/swiftpaws/therian/old/termtherian.html> (defunct, archive)
- Swiftpaw. "Werebeasts." Circa 1999. <http://absinthia.com/otherkin/kintypes/werebeast.html> (defunct)
- Swiftpaw. "What a Were Is: My Input on the 2002 Terms War."
<http://otherwonders.com/swiftpaws/therian/old/whatawereis.html> (defunct)
- Tammy of Leo System (leotrio). "Also, is it a thing for phantom limbs ..." 2012-01-14. *This place is nowhere after all.* <http://leotrio.tumblr.com/post/15853241860>
- Templin, Lion. "A short view on modern contherianthropy." 1997.
<http://shifters.org/awereness/lion1.shtml> (defunct)
- Therian Círculo. "*Desvalando o idioma da Theriantropia* (The Language of Therianthropy)." 2008-01-26
<http://therianbrasil.blogspot.com/2008/01/termos-comumentes-usados-com-o-pouco.html>
- Therianthropes.com. "Draconity." *Therianthropes.com.*
<http://www.therianthropes.com/draconity.htm>
- Therianthropes.com. "Howls." <http://www.therianthropes.com/howls.htm>
- Therianthropes.com. "Polymorph." <http://www.therianthropes.com/polymorph.htm>
- Therianthropes.com. "Polywere." <http://www.therianthropes.com/polywere.htm>
- Therianthropes.com. "Skinwalkers." <http://www.therianthropes.com/skinwalkers.htm>
- Therianthropes.com. "Therianthropy." <http://www.therianthropes.com/therianthropy.htm>
- Therianthropes.com. "Theriotype." <http://www.therianthropes.com/theriotype.htm>
- Tiernan. "From the heart out." 2002-04. otherkin.net/articles/heartOut.html
- Tigris. "My experiences as an m-shifter." shifters.org/shifting/tigris1.asp (defunct)
- Tolkien Gateway. "Elda." *Tolkien Gateway.* <http://tolkiengateway.net/wiki/Elda>
- Tolkien Gateway. "Eldamar." *Tolkien Gateway.* <http://tolkiengateway.net/wiki/Eldamar>
- Tserisa. "You might be a dragon..." <http://velvetdragon.com/draconic/youmight.html>
- Tygerwolfe. "These ancient eyes: Wolf at your door – Shift Happens 3." 2011-05-23.
<http://tygerwolfe.com/?p=384>
- Tygerwolfe. "These ancient eyes: Wolf driving – Shift Happens 1." 2011-05-09.
<http://tygerwolfe.com/?p=376>
- Tygerwulfe. "Therianthropy: A personal definition." tygerwolfe.com/?page_id=92
- VanZandt, Wolf. "Words and concepts."
http://theriantimeline.com/therianthropy/words_and_concepts
- VenTatsu. "Greggil." 1999-11-13. *Everything2* <http://everything2.com/title/greggil>
- Voshkof. "On the subject of shifting." Circa 1999.
<http://www.lycanthrope.org/~raven/shifting.html> (defunct)
- Weyrlady. "Alt.fan.dragons: Names list." <http://www.dragonweyr.com/afdnames.html>
- WikiFur. "Alfandria." *WikiFur: The Furry Encyclopedia.* <http://en.wikifur.com/wiki/Alfandria>

- WikiFur. "Alfandria." *WikiFur: The Furry Encyclopedia*. <http://en.wikifur.com/wiki/Alfandria>
- Wikipedia. "Териантропия." *Wikipedia*, Russian language version. <http://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A2%D0%B5%D1%80%D0%B8%D0%B0%D0%BD%D1%82%D1%80%D0%BE%D0%BF%D0%B8%D1%8F> retrieved 2011-02-22
- Wildelf. "Various theories and the like..." 2002-03-01. otherkin.livejournal.com/30114.html
- Windrider. "Otherkin." *Everything2*. 2005-01-01. <http://everything2.com/title/Otherkin>
- Windtree, Rannirl. "Here and now." 2002-04. otherkin.net/articles/hereNow.html
- Windtree, Tirl. "What are otherkin?" 2003-04-06. www.otherkin.net/articles/what.html
- Windtree, Tirl. "What is an otherkin?" otherkin.net/articles/what-old.html
- Wolf in the Shadows. "Otherkin." *h2g2*. 2003-10-07. <http://bbc.co.uk/dna/h2g2/A1152983>
- Wulfhowl.com. "What's therianthropy?" <http://www.wulfhowl.com/therianthrope-definition/>
- Yaiolani. "An experience of 'mental shifting.'" <http://yaiolani.tripod.com/artc3.htm> A description of what it's like to experience a mental shift.
- Yaiolani. "Shifts (Varieties of transformation)." Circa 1999. <http://yaiolani.tripod.com/shifts1.htm>
- Yaiolani. "Spiritwalker & Wendigo Annex." <http://yaiolani.tripod.com/wendigo.htm>
- Yaiolani. "Werewolf and shapeshifter annex: Weredog annex." yaiolani.tripod.com/weredogs.htm
- Yaiolani. "What do all these terms mean? (Terminology of werewolves, shapeshifters and therians from AHWW)." <http://yaiolani.tripod.com/what.htm>
- Zell-Ravenheart, Oberon. *Grimoire for the Apprentice Wizard*. Franklin Lakes, NJ: New Page, 2004.

Index

- Adnarel, 45, 47, 56
 Aelveron, 9
 AFD, 9
 AHWW, 9
 alardan, 9
 Alfandra, 9
 Alfandria, 9
 Ally, 37
 alt.fan.dragons, 4, 9, 13, 16, 17, 18, 24, 36, 37, 57, 58;
 Alfandria, 36, 62, 63
 alt.horror.werewolves, 4, 9, 17, 18, 31, 33, 40, 51, 54, 58, 59
 Altfandra, 9
animal interior, 9
 animal spirit guide, 31
 anthropomorphic animal, 31
 Arethinn, 11, 26, 36, 40, 48, 56
 Arhúaine, 44, 46, 47, 56
 Ashen Claw, 37
 Australia, 17, 18
 Avatara Raki, 37, 56
 Awakening, 4, 5, 9, 12, 18, 45, 46, 57
 Awere [sic], 9
- Bangs, Nina, 25
 Banulf, 29, 38, 41, 49, 50, 56
 Bast, Anya, 25
 Baxil, 36, 44, 56
 Belanger, Michelle, 45, 46, 47, 56
 birthday, 18
 Blakvale, 37
 blend-a-kin, 10
Blood of an Angel, 47, 56
 Blue, of Winged Watchers, 40, 49, 50, 56
 BrightMoon, 10
- Canada, 17, 18
 catalyst, 11
 Christian (a therianthrope), 37
 contherianthropy, 20
 costume, 29
 Crisses, the, 44, 45, 46, 57
- Crow's Daughter, Miaren, 41, 44
- D'Ambre, Loupa, 37
 dæmian, 12
 dæmian community, 12
 dæmon, 2, 4, 12, 36, 58
 dæmonism, 12
 dæmonology, 12
 Dai'ari, 12
 daimon, 12
 Darkness Falls, 37
Deerdancer, 39
 demon, 12
 Des'tai, 12
despertando, 12
despertar, 12
desperto, 12
 Desvalando o idioma da Theriantropia, 36, 62
 DevilWolf, 37
 Devlin, Delilah, 25, 47, 57
 Dickson, Gordon R., 17
Discoverie of Witchcraft, the (1584), 21
 Dobutsu, 37
 Dominance, the, 13
 draconic, 13
 draconity, 13
 Draestari, 13
 dragon, 13
Dragon and the George, the, 17
 dragon otherkin community, 9, 13, 17, 18, 24
 dragonkin, 13
 DrakeLightBearer, 37, 41, 57
drakonnist (Драконність), 13
 dream shift, 13, 21
 DS, 14
 d-shift, 14
 DustWolf, 37
 Dymus the Daring, 37, 57
- Elda, 15
 Eldamar, 15

- Elenari, 2, 4, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 20, 21, 28, 29, 32, 36, 37,
39, 40, 41, 48, 50, 54, 57; homeworlds of, 9, 10, 15, 28;
sub-races of, 12, 13, 15, 17, 20, 21, 32
Elfinkind Digest, 17, 24
Elinox, 38, 40, 42, 47, 49, 54, 57
Ellwood, Taylor, 40, 44
Elphame, 15
elven otherkin community, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 20, 21, 28,
29, 32
Elven Realities mailing list, 9
Elvenhome, 15
elves, 9, 13, 15, 20, 24, 28, 47
Elves and brownies * A letter to Keith Olberman, 47, 61
Ely Wolf, 37
emotional therianthropy, 29
Eradea, 44, 57
Eternal Pleasure, 47, 56
ExistingPhantom, 9, 36, 37, 44, 58
- Faerie-moans, 16
FAQs, 45, 46, 58
feels, 20
Field Guide to Otherkin, A, 36, 40, 44, 60
FOL, 16
Foxy, Lance, 37, 38, 41, 42, 49, 50, 59
friend of lycanthrope, 16
fruit, 16, 24
fruiting day, 16
- Gae'ari, 17
Galen, 21
gather, 17
Gazer, 41, 44
George, 17
ghost shift, 17
Gienah, 58
glamour shift, 17
Grail of shifting, 26
graymuzzle, 17
Greece, 12, 21
Greene, Rosalyn, 11, 22, 28, 29, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43,
47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 54, 58
greggil, 17
Greyhawk, 39, 44, 48, 50, 54, 58
grey-muzzle, 17
hatching day, 18
heart, 18
heightened senses, 26, 28
hers'elf, 28
hims'elf, 28
Holy Grail of shifting, 26
Howl, 18
- illusion shift, 19
instinctive therianthropy, 30
integrated shifter, 19
Into the Darkness, 47, 57
- Jakkal, 27, 29, 39, 41, 48, 49, 52, 53, 54, 56, 58, 61
Jamal, Michele, 39, 58
- Kalthilas, 20
Karenji, 39, 40, 44, 58
Katmandu, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 59
Keck, Paul E., 41
Kella, 20
Ketrino, 43, 59
Khato Berian, 37
kin, 20
kinfeels, 20
Kiric, 40, 59
konteriantropiya (Контериантропия), 20
Korra'ti, R'ykandar (Dara), 40
Kota, 37, 43, 59
Kreyas, 45, 46, 59
Krosisziivith, 41
Kveldulf, 37
- Language of Therianthropy, the, 36, 62
Lanina, 40
Listari, 21
Lone Wolf, 37, 40, 59
lucid dream shift, 21
Luncast, Naserit, 40, 41, 42, 43, 48, 49, 58
Lupa, 36, 40, 41, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 55, 59, 60
lycanthrope, 16, 21, 53
Lynx Canadensis, 33, 41, 54, 60
- magical shift, 22

- Malcolm-Rannirl, 36, 40, 60
 Mange, 37
 mask, 29
 Maverick Wolf, 37
 Meirya, 42, 43, 60
 mental shift, 22
 metalimb, 22
 Metawolf, 37
 Mokele, 39, 41, 43, 47, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 60
 Moonlight (blackthorn glade), 44, 60
 MS, 22
 m-shift, 22
 MUCK, 9
mudança, 22
 multi-kin, 22
- Nahàni, 38, 39, 48, 60
 Native American, 29
 Navajo, 29
 Nitestalker, 37
 normal folk, 23
 nut, young, 24
- O. Scribner, 1
 O'Dea, Dan, 40
 Oaktree, Alyessa, 44
 ol'frute, 24
 old fruit, 24
 otherkin, 24
 Otherkin, 58
 otherkin community, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28
 Otherkin: A short introduction, 61
 Otherkin: Who are you and who do you want to be?, 56
 otherkind, 24
Otherkine - kým jsi a kým chceš být? (Otherkin: Who are you and who do you want to be?), 56
 otherlimb, 25
 ours'elves, 28
- Padfoot Bedlam Dogstar, 37
 perception shift, 26
 personal therianthropy, 30
 phantom limb syndrome, 5, 22, 25, 42
 physical shift, 26
 Polar, 40
- Polaris, 38
 polymorph, 26
 poly-shifter, 26
 polytherian, 26
 polywere, 26
 Portuguese language, 9, 12, 22, 32
 PS, 27
 PSer, 27
 p-shift, 27
- Quenya, 15
 Quil, 26, 38, 42, 47, 48, 50, 53, 54, 60
- RandomShifts, 38
 RavenWolf, 40
 Razza Wolf, 41, 43, 49, 51, 55, 61
 Reemul, 26, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 47, 48, 50, 61
 Rome, 12
 Russia, 18
 Russian language, 20, 31, 32, 35, 63
- s'elf, 28
 Sabersinger, 38, 61
 Scot, Reginald, 21
 Sel'ar, 28
 sense shift, 26, 28
 sensory shift, 26
 Shadow Bard, 38
 shadow shift, 28
 Shadowfang, 38
 ShadowFox, 38, 42, 49, 61
 shape-stealer, 28
 She Demon Wolf, 38, 39, 42, 43, 48, 49, 61
 shift, 4, 5, 6, 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 56, 61, 62, 63
 shifter, 28
 Shifters.org, 38, 39, 41, 42, 44, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 61
 Shifting, 61
 Shiri, 29
 Silver Elves, the, 15, 16, 23, 28, 39, 44, 47, 49, 61
 skin, 29
 skin-stealer, 29
 skin-walk, 29
 Skoll, 38
 Solulo, 38

- spiritual therianthropy, 29
 Spiritwind, Sonne, 42, 44
 SST, 30
 Stalder, Darren / Torin, 40, 44
 Susitar, 43, 62
 Sweden, 18
 Swiftpaw, 38, 41, 43, 50, 51, 54, 62
 SWS, 30
 symp, 30
- Tammy of Leo System, 44
terianami (терианами), 31
teriantropi, 31
teriostronoу (териостороной), 32
teriotipom (териотипом), 32
 Terminology, 58
terry (терри), 31
 themselfs, 28
 therian, 31
 Therian Círculo, 36, 44, 48, 51, 52, 53, 54, 62
 therianthrope, 31
 therianthrope community, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20,
 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35
 therianthropy, 31
theriantipo, 32
theriantropo, 32
 theriantype, 32
 therioside, 32
 theriotype, 32
 Tiernan, 41, 44, 62
 Tigris, 43, 62
 Tolkien, J. R. R., 15, 39, 62
 totem, 31
 Tserisa, 40, 62
 Tsu, 41
 Tuatha de Dannan, 15
 Tulari, 32
 Tumblr.com, 20, 22, 25, 41, 44, 47
 Tygerwolfe, 42, 43, 53, 62
- UK, 18
 Ukrainian language, 13
 USA, 17, 18
- Utlah, 59
- VanZandt, Wolf, 13, 36, 37, 42, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 54, 62
 Various theories and the like, 47, 63
 VenTatsu, 40
- Were, 33
 Werebeast, 33
 WereCard, 6, 37, 38, 48, 54, 56, 57, 59, 60, 61
 Werename, 33
 Wereside, 33
 werewolf, 33
 werewolf sympathizer, 34
 Weyrlady, 36, 37, 62
 What do all these terms mean?, 50, 54, 63
 Why an Elf?, 45, 56
 WikiFur, 36, 62, 63
 Wildelf, 47
 Willow, 26
 Windrider, 45, 46, 47, 63
 Windtree, Tirl, 44, 45, 46
 witch-hunting, 21, 22
 Wolf in the Shadows, 45
- Yaiolani, 29, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 54, 55, 63
 Yearning, 20
 young nut, 24
 yours'elf, 28
- zoomorphic human, 31
zverolyudmi (зверолоудьми), 35
- Драконність, 13
- зверолоудьми, 35
- Контериантропия, 20
- терианами, 31
 териостороной, 32
 териотипом, 32
 терри, 31