

## Twilight Elves

Thought to be little more than myths or legends by most races, twilight elves are the descendents of good-aligned drow whose valiant service and sacrifice in defense of the elven realm of Cormanthyr was rewarded by the restoration of their status as Tel'Quessir. While no longer drow neither were they like any other elven sub-race in both appearance and lifestyle. Twilight elves are unique among elves in that they have no settlements or realms of their own, but rather are found living among the drow worshipers of Eilistraee where they are judged not upon the color of their skin but rather the content of their character.

Twilight elves have established an ancient and honored tradition of service to Eilistraee defending her faithful and temples with almost fanatical ferocity. The core of twilight elven life is their clan followed by their community and friends. Although twilight elven clans are often scattered across the realms they take great pride in the history and traditions of their clan and somehow maintain close ties with even the most remote and isolated members. Membership in a clan is determined with two simple methods, if a twilight elf has a child with a drow then that child is considered to be a member of the twilight elven parents' clan, if two twilight elves have a child together then the child is a member of whichever clan is the smallest in size, thus ensuring that all twilight elven clans remain alive and thriving.

Twilight elves begin the education at early childhood (about 2 or 3) at which time they begin their studies of elven and drow history, the history and traditions of their clan, the fundamentals of most drow and elven religions, the basics of swordcraft and archery, as well as such skills as singing, dancing, and playing the harp and flute. At around forty all twilight elven children are apprenticed to an experienced drow or twilight elven warrior who takes on the responsibility of completing their training in the arts of war and hunting. These older warriors also guide their young charges through their first few battles ensuring that no serious harm befalls them. Due to decades of intense training under the tutelage of some of the finest warriors anywhere all twilight elves have achieved at least second level by the time they reach young adulthood.

After proving their courage and skill in battle and attaining the age of eighty twilight elves go through the Rite of Ascension in which they take their place among the warriors of their clan and community and are henceforth considered adults. At this ceremony the young elves are given the trappings and gear of a warrior of their clan including enchanted *elven chain*, and a pair of magical swords and an enchanted bow, as well as a *cloak and boots of elvenkind*. These items are provided by their clan elders and are often passed down from generation to generation.

Seemingly cursed with endless amounts of curiosity, wanderlust, and battlelust twilight elves seem drawn to lives as adventuring rangers. As befits a race descended from heroes and champions twilight elves are a brave and noble warrior folk dedicated to defending all goodly folk from evil, regardless of the personal cost to themselves. Twilight elves are well regarded by those who know of them for their personal valor and loyalty to their friends and kin. However their dark elven heritage often comes to the forefront when battling evil beings, at such times they can be as ruthless and merciless as any drow. Among twilight elves both males and females are treated as equals, although for an outsider to lay hands upon a twilight elven female without her consent is enough to cause her kinfolk to draw their blades and shed blood.

With their jet-black skin the color of polished obsidian, gleaming silver hair which glows like silver fire, and sparkling solid silver eyes which shine like stars from the night sky, twilight elves are more often than not mistaken as drow by those who haven't encountered them before. Female twilight elves tend to be short (about five feet in height), slender, yet curvaceous while males tend to stand between 5' and 5'6" tall and are more muscular and stronger than females. Both sexes have the lithe graceful movements of trained dancers and extremely beautiful voices musical and lyrical like liquid starlight full of wind and music. Twilight elves prefer dark greens and browns which allow them to blend in with their forest homes relieved only by their gleaming everbright treated mithral elven chain. Both males and females wear their hair long with beads and feathers or even gems woven into braids.

Childhood	Adolescence	Adulthood	Middle Age	Old Age	Venerable Age	Maximum Age
1-30	31-80	81-300	301-450	451-600	601 and up	601 +5d100

### Twilight Elven Abilities:

Darkvision up to 90 feet

A twilight elf can see five times as far as a human in starlight, moonlight, torchlight, etc.

+4 racial bonus to Hide, Move Silently, Search, Spot, and Listen checks.

A twilight elf who merely passes within 5 feet of a secret or concealed door is entitled to a Search check as though actively looking for it.

Proficient with longsword, bastard sword, longbow, composite longbow, shortbow, and composite shortbow, regardless of character class.

Complete immunity to all forms of poison, paralysis, and magical *sleep* spells and effects.

+4 racial bonus on all saving throws vs Mind-Affecting spells and effects.

Twilight elves gain the Blind-Fighting feat for free.

Movement rate of 40 feet.

+2 adjustment to Dexterity, Charisma, and Intelligence

-2 adjustment to Constitution

Favored Class: Ranger