



**Sri Lankan Gray Langur** (*Semnopithecus priam thersites*)

**Size:** Head and body length, 58.4 - 64 cm; tail, 66 - 101.6 cm **Weight:** Males, 11.4 - 13.5 kg; females, unknown **Habitat:** Dry, deciduous forests in the lowlands of eastern Sri Lanka **Surviving number:** Unknown



*Photographed by Will Burrard-Lucas*

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Revered. Seen as a manifestation of the monkey god Hanuman, the Sri Lankan gray langur is fed and treated as an honored guest when it appears in urban areas and the grounds of temples. When foraging on its own, it favors fruits, flowers and especially leaves, which are fermented and digested in its complex, compartmentalized stomach. But this aggressive

monkey's habit of crop raiding often leads to deadly reprisals, and its exalted status is no safeguard against the twin threats of subsistence hunting and habitat loss.

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