



White-handed gibbon (*Hylobates lar*). COLORATION: Black to buff, black face, white tops to hands and feet. The nine species of the gibbon family (the lesser apes)—slenderer and with longer arms than the equally tailless great apes (pp. 4-7)—inhabit forested areas of Southeast Asia and Indonesia, where they are greatly endangered through hab-

itat destruction. The white-handed gibbon, also called common gibbon or lar gibbon, grows to 25" long and may weigh 18 lb. It is found in Thailand, Cambodia, Malaya and Sumatra. Like other gibbons, it lives chiefly on plant matter.