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### Zoo-ology

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Jolivet, Joelle. *Zoo-ology*. Illustrated by Joelle Jolivet. Roaring Brook Press, 2003. ISBN 0761327800. \$17.95. 40 pp.

Reviewer: Janet Francis

Reading Level: All

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Informational books; Picture Book;

Subject: Animals--Miscellaneous; Zoology--Juvenile literature;

Although this volume is oversize (18 inches tall) and awkward to handle, it should prove invaluable in an elementary classroom – even in older grades, as a visual reference tool. Each tall page is chock-full of brilliantly colored inhabitants of the animal kingdom accompanied by their names (in rather small type, but clearly connected to the relevant drawing) with a one or two word comment at the bottom of each page. The illustrations are not scientific in detail but clear and true enough to life to be discernable to the non-reader who can often read their names. What success! The book is a translation from French so there are a few differences in name, but nothing serious.