



A quick synopsis of the digestive system:

- **Mouth:** In this case, beak.
- **Esophagus (Gullet):** Transports food from the mouth to the stomach.
- **Crop:** A pouch in the esophagus used to store food temporarily before moving it on to the stomach.
- **Stomach (Proventriculus/Gizzard):** The main place where food is broken down. There are two parts: the proventriculus for storage and the gizzard, which uses grit for grinding food into smaller pieces.
- **Small Intestine:** Aids in digestion and nutrient absorption. Composed of the duodenum, jejunum and ileum.
- **Liver:** The largest organ in the body. Metabolizes carbohydrates, fats and proteins.
- **Caeca:** Bacteria help break down undigested food passing through the intestine. The caeca turn into the large intestine, which connects with the cloaca.
- **Large Intestine:** Functions primarily to absorb water, dry out indigestible foods and eliminate waste products.
- **Cloaca:** Where the digestive, urinary and reproductive systems meet.
- **Urinary System:** Consists of two kidneys that filter waste from blood, which pass through two ureters to outside the body via the cloaca/vent.
- **Vent:** The end of the line: the external opening of the cloaca that passes waste (and eggs) outside the body.