



FIGURE 9.15 Trunk of the pigeon in ventral view. Pectoral musculature and heart removed to reveal viscera and vessels.

proventriculus and gizzard. It makes a long loop, consisting of ascending and descending portions that lie close together. Between them is the narrow, elongated **pancreas**. Follow the remaining part of the small

intestine. It passes into the short and straight large intestine, which continues posteriorly into the cloaca. A pair of small **colic ceca** (sing., **cecum**) mark the division between the small and large intestines.