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Review

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When Sturkie's *Avian physiology* came out in 1934 it was the first work solely devoted to the physiology of birds. That book, based as much of it was on laboratory experiments, was mainly about domesticated species — the fowl, ducks, pigeon, etc. In this new edition, work on such species still predominates but the range of other birds involved is extensive — from penguins and albatrosses to parrots and passerines. It also contains about 3 times the information of that in the 1954 one.

The 26 chapters extending from 'Vision' to 'Immunophysiology' are written by experts and cover all the organ systems. The writing is compact, with masses of supporting tables and figures. This should be the first choice for anyone wishing for an insight into a specific topic in aviary physiology. The many references end about 1996. Highly recommended.

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