



## Witmer Stone: The Fascination of Nature (Paperback)

By Scott McConnell

Scott McConnell, 2014. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Witmer Stone (1866-1939) was one of the preeminent ornithologists of his day, and has been called one of the last of the great naturalists. In addition to his involvement in the American Ornithologists Union (AOU), including editing their journal *The Auk* for 25 years and serving as chairman of their conservation and classification committees, he also produced an exhaustive flora of the New Jersey Pine Barrens which is still used today, and made lesser contributions to mammalogy and entomology. He worked at the Academy of Natural Sciences (ANS) for 51 years, and performed heroic work salvaging their historic bird collection, which had been neglected for twenty years prior to his arrival. Stone's name is also synonymous with birding at Cape May Point. The phenomenon of fall bird migration at that location was discovered by him, and his book *Bird Studies at Old Cape May (BSOCM)* was the earliest signpost pointing the way to what is now one of the most popular North American birding destinations. His Pine Barrens and Cape May books are still widely read by natural history buffs, and are not...



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