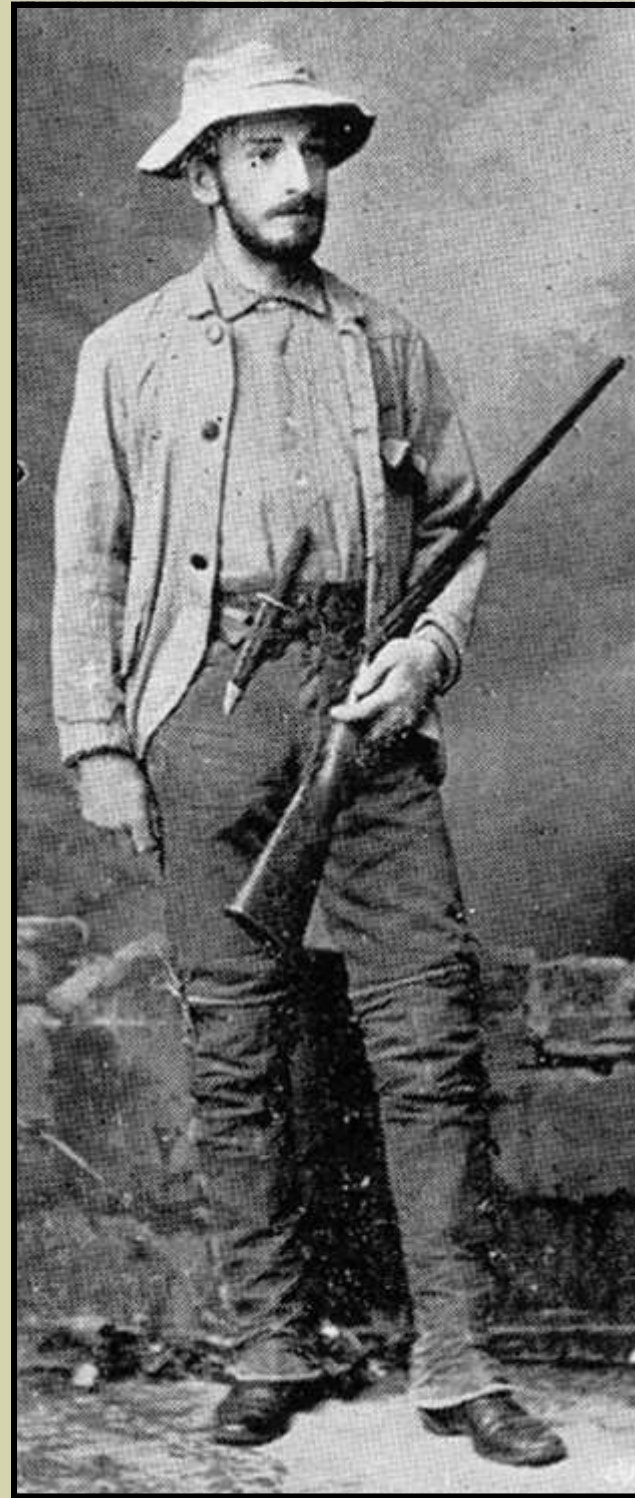


**In 1890, when Witmer Stone first observed the spectacle of fall hawk migration in Cape May it was accompanied by the continuous sound of gunfire.**

Dr. Stone:

- ◆ devoted more than 50 years of service to the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia in a variety of significant positions, 1888 - 1939.
- ◆ was a founding member of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club (DVOC), 1890.
- ◆ was president of the American Ornithologists Union (AOU) from 1920 to 1923.
- ◆ championed the study of living birds, thanks to the invention of binoculars and the publication of detailed field guides.
- ◆ observed Cape May birds in detail for 50 years which resulted in his 1937 book, *Bird Studies at Old Cape May*. This comprehensive work has long been considered the Bible of bird watching in Cape May.



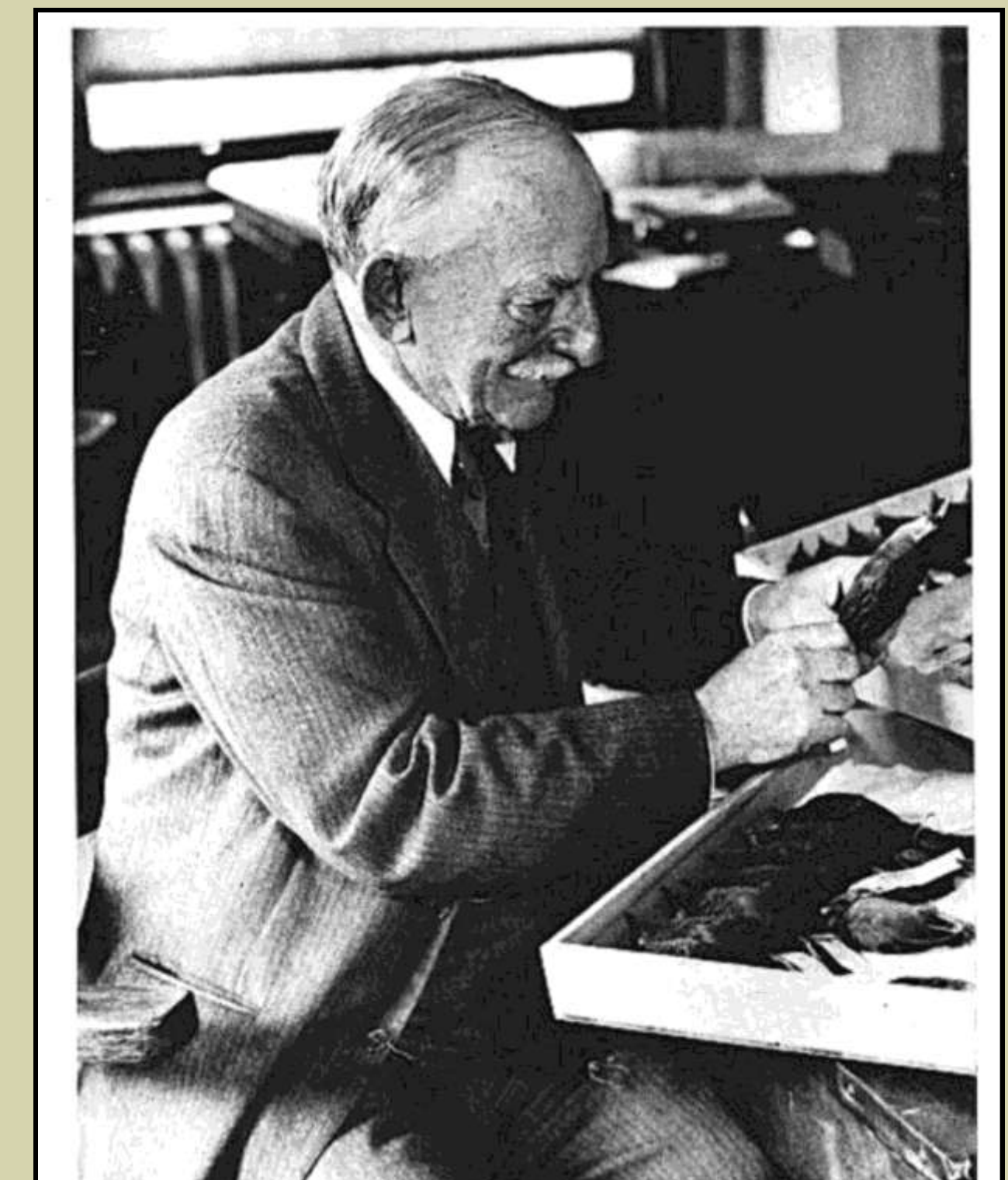
Stone collecting birds, 1890.

#### Dr. Stone's Services to the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia

Jessup Fund Student, 1888-1892  
Assistant to the Board of Curators, 1892-1908  
Member of the Board of Curators, 1908-1925  
Executive of the Board of Curators, 1918-1925  
Director of the Museum, 1925-1928  
Emeritus Director of the Museum, 1928-1939  
Vice-President of the Academy, 1927-1939  
Conservator of the Ornithological Section, 1891-1925  
Curator of Vertebrates, 1918-1934  
Curator of North American Birds, 1934-1938  
Emeritus Curator of Birds, 1938-1939



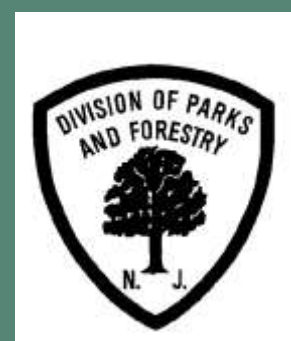
Dr. Stone birdwatching in 1935.



Dr. Stone studying bird skins.

In 1930, Dr. Stone and members of the DVOC demanded protection of the hawks of Cape May Point. This led to the establishment of the Witmer Stone Wildlife Sanctuary in 1935, one of the first efforts to conserve habitat in Cape May.

**Today thousands of bird watchers flock to Cape May to witness what Dr. Stone fought so hard to protect.**



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