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■ **Robert McCabe:** An emeritus professor of wildlife ecology at UW-Madison, McCabe, 81, died Monday at his Madison home.

McCabe, who wrote more than 100 publications, received the Aldo Leopold Award from the Wildlife Society in 1986 for his distinguished career in research and teaching.

He was best known for his studies on the life history and population responses of animals to their environment.

McCabe wrote the books, "Aldo Leopold: The Professor," and "The Little Green Bird: Ecology of the Willow Flycatcher."

McCabe, Robert A.
MADISON — Robert A. McCabe, 81, died at home on Monday, May 29, 1995 of cancer. He was born January 11, 1914 in Milwaukee. He graduated from Carroll College of Waukesha in 1939. He married Marie Stanfield in 1941. He earned an M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Wildlife Management from UW-Madison under Aldo Leopold. Professor McCabe served for 27 years as Chairman of the Department of Wildlife Ecology. During a distinguished career as scientist and administrator, he served as Fulbright Professor at University College - Dublin, Ireland, from which he later received an honorary degree. He also received an honorary degree from Carroll College. Professor McCabe served terms as president of The Wildlife Society and of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters. He was elected Fellow of the American Ornithologists' Union. In 1986, he received the Aldo Leopold Memorial Award, the wildlife science profession's highest honor. He was a member of the Madison Literary Society. Professor McCabe authored numerous scientific papers and wildlife art reviews. In retirement, he wrote two books, one a personal biography of Aldo Leopold, and the other a scientific monograph on the Willow Flycatcher. An avid outdoorsman, he pursued many activities on his country property in Iowa County. Professor McCabe is survived by his wife; daughter, Colleen of Madison; sons, Richard of Annapolis, Maryland, Thomas (Nicki) of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Kevin (Laurie) of Milwaukee; four grandchildren, Jason and Darren Paul, Mike McCabe and Michelle Goodman; and two great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at the FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH on University Bay Drive on Sunday, June 4, 1995 at 3:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the UW Department of Wildlife Ecology, to establish an undergraduate fund. (S) (S)

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Dr. Robert A. McCabe, one of the great teachers and administrators who helped make wildlife management a respected science and profession, died of cancer at his home in Madison, Wisconsin on May 29. He was 81 years old.

McCabe was known to many as chairman for 27 years of the Department of Wildlife Ecology at the University of Wisconsin and as recipient of the Aldo Leopold Award, which is the profession's highest recognition of its most distinguished members. Yet, this was but part of the man whose influence and contributions spanned oceans and cultures far beyond those of his professor, Aldo Leopold. He advised graduate students from Ireland, Britain, Scandinavia and other parts of the world. He was Fulbright Professor at University College - Dublin, from which he received an honorary degree. He was a frequent visitor to Ireland where his students conducted research and he advised landowners and agencies on wildlife matters.

McCabe served as President of The Wildlife Society and the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters. He was a Fellow of the American Ornithologists' Union and a member of the Madison Literary Society. Aside from numerous scientific papers published during his career, McCabe wrote two books in retirement, one on his experiences with Aldo Leopold and another on the Willow Flycatcher. The flycatcher book, titled *The Little Green Bird*, is probably the best monograph ever written. With that book, McCabe expertly teaches the reader ecology while writing about a single species. It is subterfuge crafted into subtlety.

Dr. McCabe is survived by his wife, a daughter, 3 sons, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Wisconsin Department of Wildlife Ecology to establish an undergraduate scholarship fund.