

Biographic Sketch for Dr. Donald J. Leopold

Dr. Donald J. Leopold earned his Ph.D. in forest ecology from Purdue University in 1984, his M.S.F. in forest ecology from the University of Kentucky in 1981, and B.S. in ornamental horticulture/nursery management from the University of Kentucky in 1978. Since joining the Faculty of Environmental and Forest Biology at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (Syracuse) in 1985, he has taught about 200 undergraduate and graduate students each year courses in dendrology, plant materials, freshwater wetland ecology, and numerous graduate seminars on conservation and restoration topics.



In 1998 he was promoted to Distinguished Teaching Professor, the highest professorial rank in the SUNY system. In 1999, he was awarded the first SUNY ESF College Foundation Award for Exceptional Achievement in teaching. In 2004, he was given the SUNY Research Foundation Excellence in the Pursuit of Knowledge award. Dr. Leopold was selected to be Chair of the Faculty of Environmental and Forest Biology in February 2006. He has advised 42 M.S. and Ph.D. students through completion of their graduate degrees, with another 14 graduate students currently in his graduate program. Dr. Leopold has published over 50 peer-reviewed papers, 5 books (and another in press), 6 book chapters, 5 invited book reviews, 3 proceedings, and many miscellaneous publications, all generally about topics in forest and wetland ecology. Additionally he has garnered over \$11 million of extramural funding as principal or co-principal investigator, was editor of the *Natural Areas Journal* for 6 years (1993-1999; associate editor 1990 - 1992), associate editor for the *Journal of Forestry* and is currently on the editorial board of the *Northeast Naturalist*. He is a former chair of The Nature Conservancy, Central New York Chapter, and was awarded their Friends of the Land Award in 1995.

Four of Dr. Leopold's books are major treatments of trees in North America (*Textbook of Dendrology*; J.W. Hardin, D.J. Leopold, and F.M. White, 2001, McGraw Hill), the Midwest (*Trees of the Central Hardwood Forests – An Identification and Cultivation Guide*; D.J. Leopold, W.C. McComb, and R.N. Muller; Timber Press), of New York (*Trees of New York*; D.J. Leopold, 2003, Syracuse University Press), and of the South (*Native Trees of the Southeast*; L.K. Kirkman, C.L. Brown, and D.J. Leopold; Timber Press, in press). The *Textbook of Dendrology* is the primary dendrology text in North America, and is widely used in other countries. Another book covers the state-protected plants of forests in New York (D.J. Raynal and D.J. Leopold, 1999).

His fifth book, *Native Plants of the Northeast: A Guide for Gardening and Conservation* (D.J. Leopold, Timber Press, Portland, OR), is a comprehensive guide to over 700 native trees, shrubs, vines, graminoids, wildflowers, and ferns that are valuable for garden and restoration plantings. Dr. Leopold has long been a member of the Ecological Society of America, the Society of Conservation Biologists, and Society of Wetland Scientists. Currently, he is also panel manager (GS-15) for USDA's Competitive Grants Managed Ecosystems Program.