

About the Logo



This logo is the result of a collaboration between Charles Zartman, a former Botany graduate student and Beth Archie, a former Zoology graduate student coinciding with the merger of the two departments into the Department of Biology. It depicts a plethodontid (lungless) salamander intertwined with a plant, *Asarum lewisii* Fernald (*Hexastylis lewisii* (Fernald) Blomquist and Oosting.) The design clearly indicates the study of biology to both biologists and the general public. These organisms were chosen because they locate Duke Biology in North Carolina; the Blue Ridge is renowned for plethodontid diversity, and *A. lewisii* (first described by Professor Fernald of Harvard and subsequently by Professor Hugo Blomquist of Duke) is native to the greater Durham area. The vines evoke the form of a double helix to represent the importance of molecular biology along with organismal and ecological.