

Native Turtle Release at Ronald Bog Oct 2010

Yosta is a Western Painted Turtle that was found wandering 5 miles away in the City of Edmond's Yost Park.

She received medical care and is now being released into Shoreline's Ronald Bog which is better habitat for her; while the students from Room Nine look on.



“Frog Lady” Thayer Cueter explains how this turtle was identified as a native Washingtonian female. And some of the dangers of handling wild turtles; like salmonella.



Yosta's "tummy" plate is red; a sign of her species. She is very active and seems curious about what going on. Is it possible she smells the water and/or the turtles already living in the bog just a few feet away? Or maybe she spotted the sunning log?

Yosta poses over the water where she will be released. It's estimated that she is about 15 years old. Western Painted Turtles can live to be 50. We wish her well in her new home!

