

**Thursday 21st November to Monday 25th November
2024**

Thursday 21st November, 2024.

Temple Day : North Gate to NW Chrung.
(No monkeys).





Fern with spores.



Trees and grass at Prasat Chrung NW.



Morning clouds.



Not quite the dog on the Tuckerbox.

They have begun work on the new road near our apartment... big steam rollers (with not much room for even a motorbike to go around them).

Friday 22nd November, 2024.

Temple Day : Neak Poan

We had a wonderful visit today.



First, we met this Praying mantis.



Then, at the temple, the restoration works have progressed and you are allowed to walk around the four outer ponds. This is the central tower in the central pond (with what is left of the horse statue).

Neak Poan is a hospital temple, where people came to use the waters (to be healed).



You can see the restored blocks in the steps into this (northern) pond. They are draining the next pond (in the back ground) ready for more restorations.



The last of the lotus flowers and the wooden bridge across the East Baray (back to the Grand Circuit Road).



This is a worm... you can see the trails they leave in the soft sand.

Back at home, the road workers have pulled down the powerlines (and the Internet cables). In theory it is all restored (we were assured) but in practice we have no internet.

Saturday 23rd November, 2024.

We were glad the birthday flowers were delivered (early). We walked to the supermarket...again.

Sunday 24th November, 2024.

Spent some extra time tidying (dusting and did the floors again). Took an afternoon ride to see the new building for the language school... just up from Psa Kroam (950m from home...walking distance if it is not too hot).

Monday 25th November, 2024.

Temple Day : South Gate to SE Prasat Chrung

When we are not sure which temple to visit, we often fall back on the “wall walks”. Today we parked at the South Gate (it was the busiest we have seen it since being expats and not tourists).



Signage for the Angkor half marathon (next weekend).



Camera shy?



It is hard to see the “clear” wings of this dragonfly against the background vegetation.



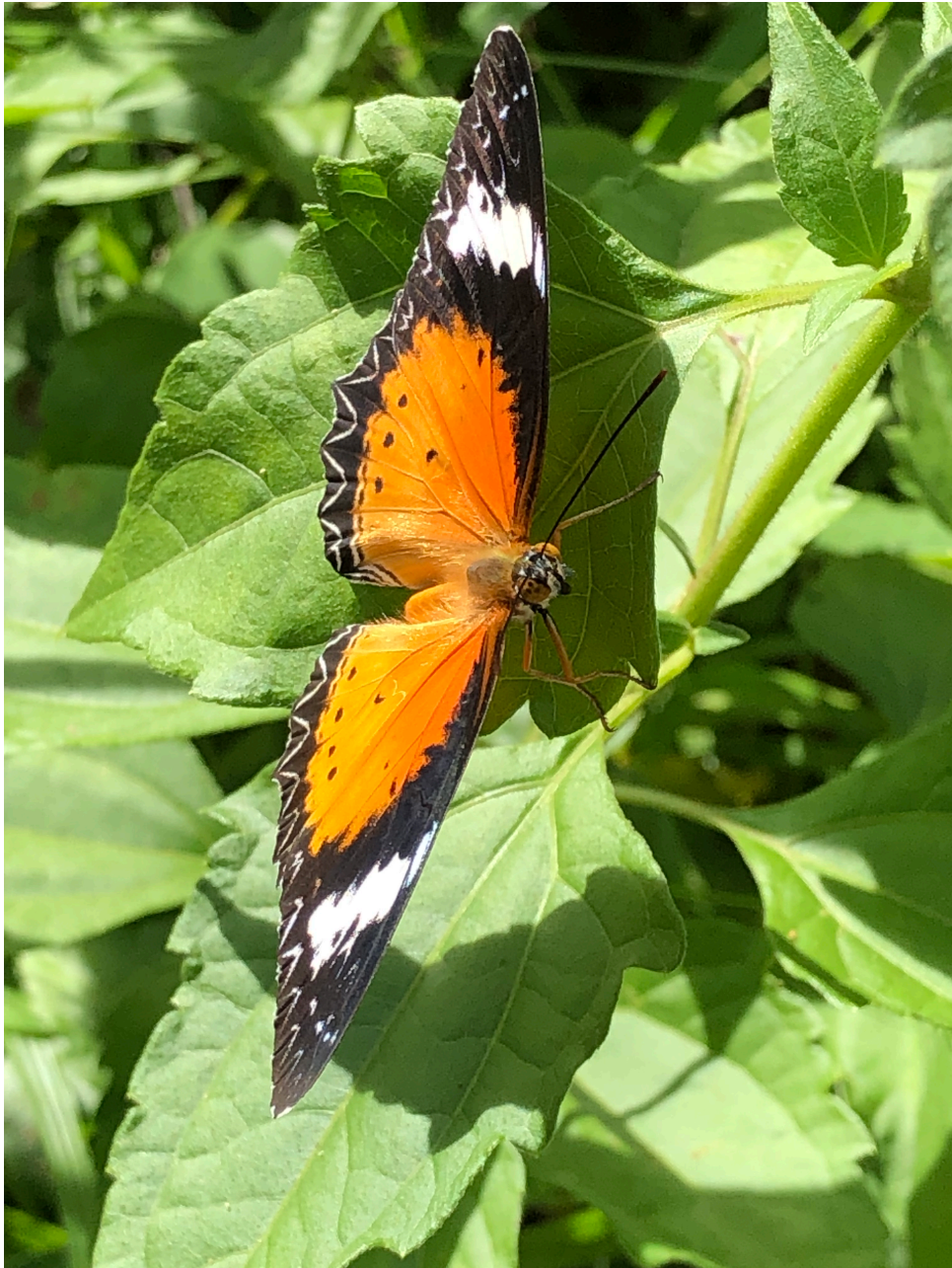
This dragonfly shone in the sunshine.



**Interesting wings in this moth. (A “skipper”,
Hesperiidae family).**



It was not too late on the season for these two.



This is the Orange Lacewing (*Cesothia penthesilia*).



And this is the Orange Gull (*Cepora Judith*).



There are many dragonflies around still.

Back at home and I cleaned the floors and the bathrooms. David has invited the couple that come in to work in the garden and the apartments to tea with us.

After a bit of a mix up, we got the family (husband and wife and son) up here for pizza (and coke) for tea. Lots of chatting in Khmer and the husband was pretty good at English, too.

I wonder what they think when they ask (directly) how much we earn... even in Australian dollars. Consider... they earn \$200 a month, work 10 hour days, six days a week.

They are staying in the room above the pool pump while the landlords are in Phnom Penh (for their son's wedding).