

Part 297 for Cathy's blog

Saturday 13th September, 2025.

Due to rain on Friday and overnight, the road is so flooded that we stayed home.

Sunday 14th September, 2025.

We went out for ice-cream. It is a bit like the 50c MacDonalds cones, but we went to Ai char where they had chocolate soft serve (and vanilla and "sea salt" which reminds me of caramel) ice cream.

Monday 15th September, 2025.

Once again, it is raining So we stayed home. This is a good chance to work on language. I have set myself a one hour a day study goal. And I have a new set of exercises (which, for the moment, I am keeping up with).

It is nearly time to start counting down to our Australia trip.

Tuesday 16th

Temple Day : Angkor Wat : walk from the east entrance to north gopura (and back through to the Angkor Wat temple).
September, 2025.



This is the East Gopura, with the restoration works finished.

Note : Angkor Wat is different to most temples as it's main entrance faces the west.

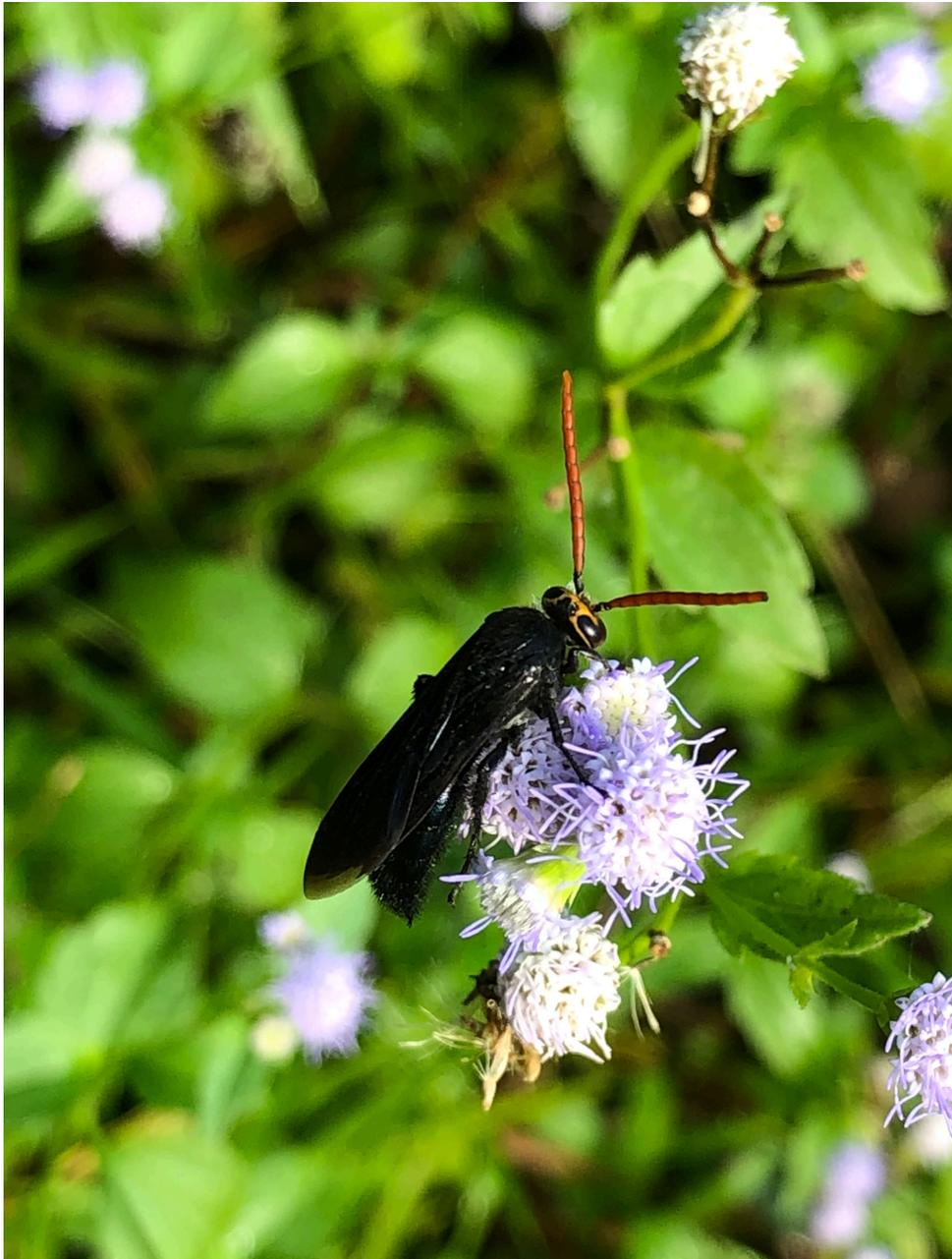
We found these pretty flowers.



They are Gloriosa (Lilies) and are deadly poisonous. They have been used both for murder and suicide... (note to self : Take note of when and where they flower... just saying).



And our first fruit piercing moth caterpillar of the season.



More insects.



A little grass dragon.



A very pretty butterfly.

I like the blue on this dragonfly's wings.





A weed with murderous intent.



How much is that doggie?



Same dog...



A spider.



Fungus.



More fungus.



Yes, this fungus really was this colour.

An amazing collection of different fungi. Come and see for yourself!

Wednesday 17th September, 2025.

Anjali and cleaning day

And some time for Water colour painting (while listening to The Day of the Triffids).

There has been a death in the landlord's family. Although we did not know this person by name, we knew her well enough to wave and smile.

It will be a busy time of visitors.

Thursday 18th September, 2025.

Temple Day and Motorbike lesson.

My balance is getting better, but I still feel I need practise turning (particularly tighter turns).

The temple : Banteay Prei



This is the car park at the end of the Elephant Terrace.

They have filled it up with sand. It will be impossible for tuktuks to drive and park near the last of the food stalls. Perhaps that was their intent.



**The blocks of the lintel (and some misplaced blocks),
standing in the morning sunshine.**



A solitary mushroom.



Restoration work on the east gopura.



The west gopura.



Big trees at Banteay Prei.



Of course, there were dragonflies.



And interesting plants.



Not a chilli.



And more dragonflies.



Structural trees.



I think this one is a brown preying mantis.

We had a busy morning.

For tea, we went to the Urban Tree House. It is a big restaurant well set out. Lots of expats recommend it (and now we know why). Good prices, good food and when it is busier, a good atmosphere.