

Part 356 for Cathy's blog

Wednesday 20th to Sunday 24th, May, 2026

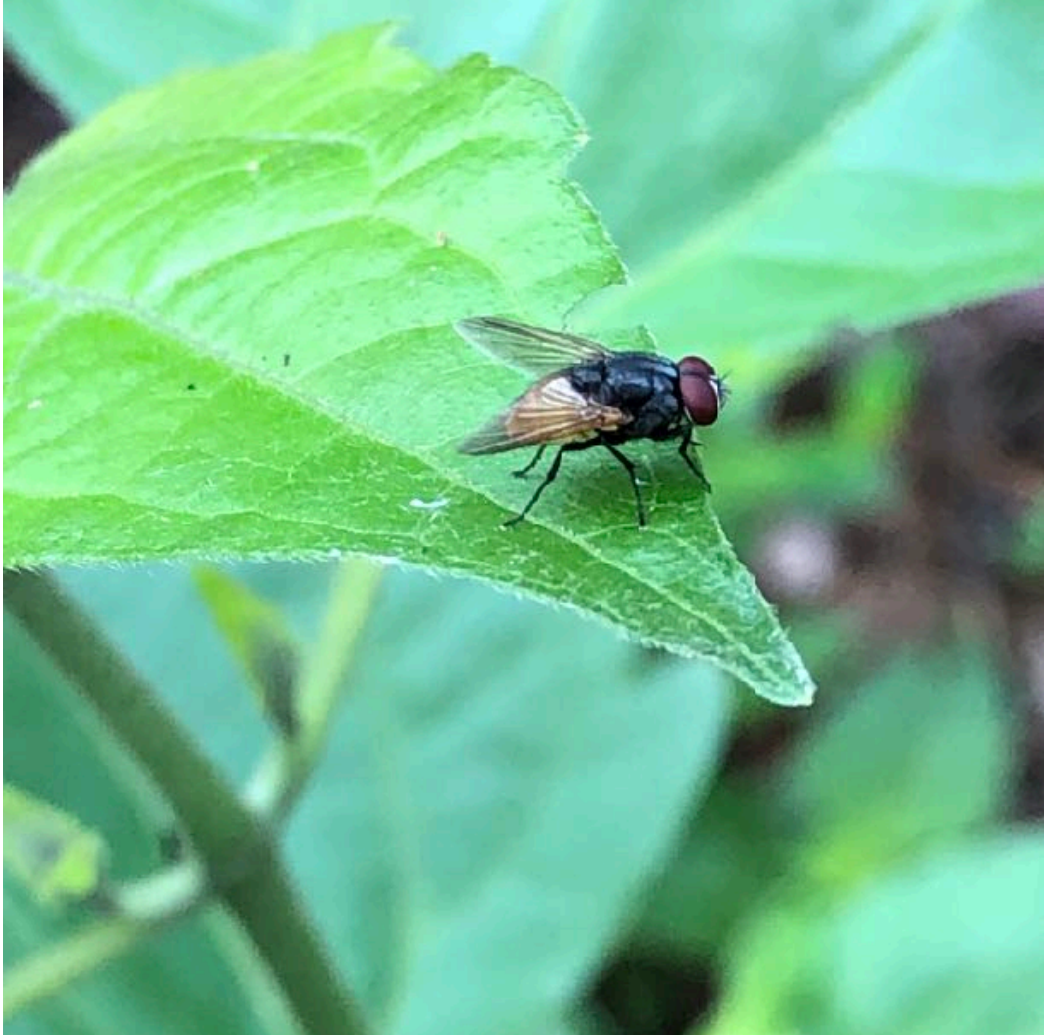
Wednesday 20th May, 2026.

Wall walk : South Gate to SE Prasat Chrung

Here are some pictures of the local wildlife we saw.



Shiny beetles.



A fly.



Orange “sucking” insect.



A column of termites (moving house?)



Many seeds lying in the leaf litter are germinating.



There are always blocks stacked around the temples. This Apsara has been sitting quietly for many years. The carvings are slowly wearing away.



Prasat Chrung SE in the morning sun. The laterite foundations in front of the temple were once a library.



Motorcycle transport is common. This lady is taking bags of fruit out to sell to workers at the temples. It is a very pretty mobile fruit store. She will make a few hundred Riel on each sale.

Thursday 21st May, 2026.

Wall walk : South Gate to SW Prasat Chrung

We walked the other way this morning.



More seeds germinating.



Although it is quite cloudy this morning, this grass dragon (lizard) was out catching a few rays of sunshine.



These are the flowers of the wild grapes.



A millipede.



There is more insect life than we see. These leaves have been eaten.



Mushroom season has started.



Another mushroom.



Another orange insect.



Pretty flowers.



Dragonfly.



This is the eastern Gopura of Prasat Chrung SW. Each of the corner temples are set out in the same way, facing East, regardless of which corner (of Angkor Thom) they lie at.



These plants have an interesting shape, just shooting up from the ground.



The sun is out more now, but this male lizard is showing off. We can tell because of the orange colour of his head and torso.



This is the same lizard just one minute later.



You can hire these gondolas. These people are taking wedding pictures. You can also order food and take a slow trip along the moat, along the south wall of Angkor Thom.

Friday 22nd May, 2026.
Temple Day : Phimeanakas

We are going back to Phimeanakas today, to find the carvings of the different horses. We have seen several posts about them (and so now we have to find them!)



Palilay in the morning sunshine.

We parked at Palilay and walked through to the Royal Palace, Phimeanakas.



Carved pediment (for one of the gopuras in the North Wall of the Royal Palace).



Restoration work on the second gopura in the north wall.



The wall encloses the Royal Palace. I don't know if this was another building or drainage.



Excavation of this royal bathing pool is nearly complete.



Inside the wall around the Royal Palace, there are two bathing pools already restored.



A third bathing pool, with no water.



Just behind the third bathing pool is another set of carvings.

Here are some elephants.



This elephant is followed by two horses.



A horse and rider.

From this, I think there is more to excavate. The ground level has risen over the last 900 years or so.



Elephant and riders.



Geese (hamas).



Is it the person that is important? Or the horse? Both have sunshades carried by “lesser” people.



A spider on the carvings.

There is definitely more research to do and more to see in these carvings inside the Royal Palace wall.

Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th May, 2026.

The weekend has come around again and we made our usual trip to Angkor Supermarket. We have chosen a different blend of coffee (because our usual one is not available).

Having taken a jar home and discovered it is quite alright, we rode back to the supermarket to buy two more jars.

Our other weekend activities include swimming, cleaning and catching up on Facebook posts and blogs!