

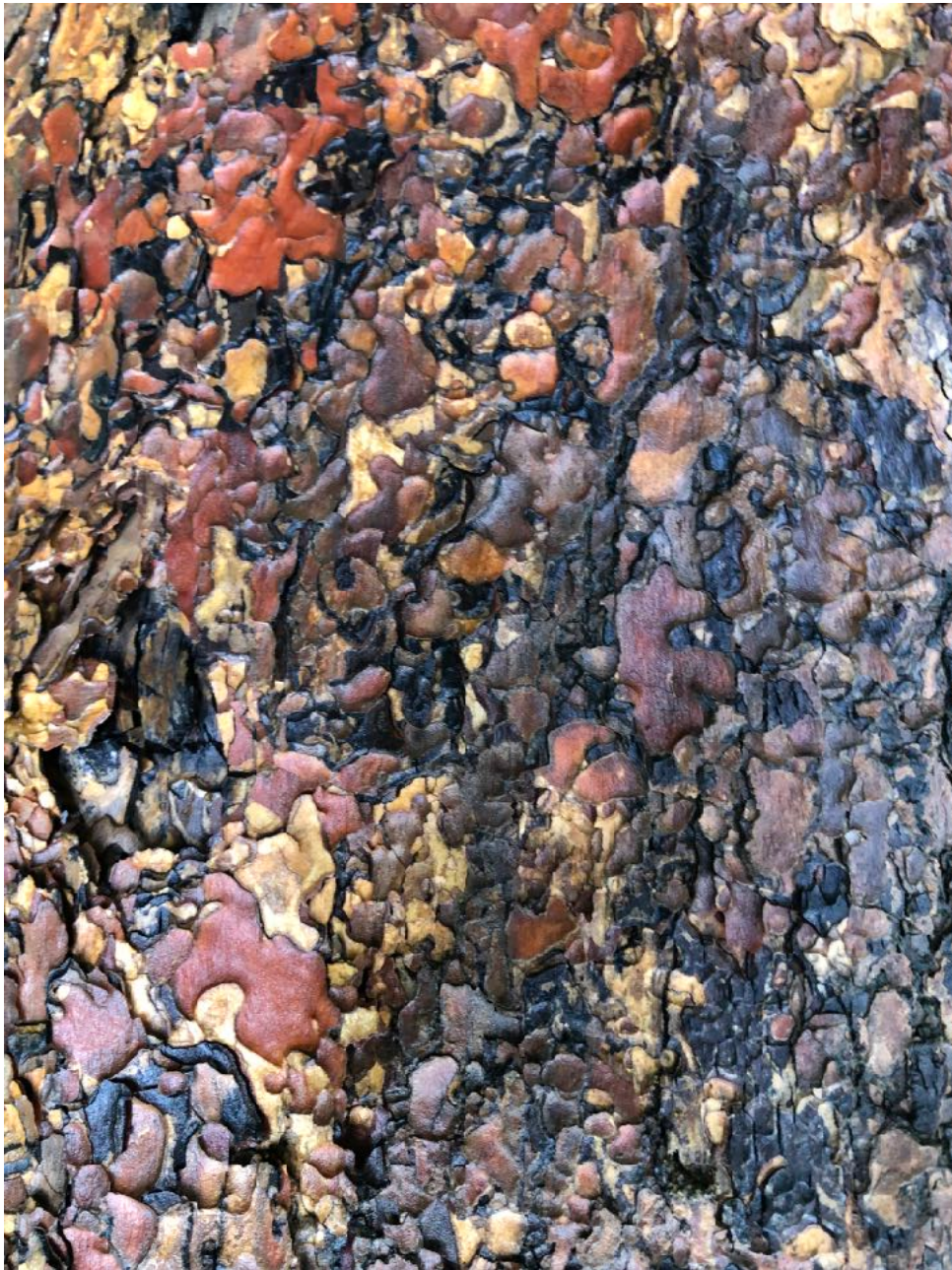
Part 373 for Cathy's blog

Monday 6th July, 2026.

Wall walk : South Gate to Prasat Chrung SW



I put this picture of a plant (!) in, because the forest is full of plants and trees. Some of them are beautiful in their own right.



The bark of this tree is so beautiful too.



These berries are being guarded by ants.



A snail taking advantage of the dampness.



We stood and watched a little grey squirrel in the trees... they are so quick.



Personally, I think this pale caterpillar is quite obvious on the green leaf.



Floral detail on a false door at Prasat Chrung SW.



Imperial butterfly.



Red beetle.

In the evening, we went into town to buy worm tablets.

Yes, after three and a half years, we have had the need to treat for worms.

On the way home, we pass the Two Seasons Hotel... I guess that is the wet season and the dry season.





**These are window shutters on a building on the corner
of our street.**



And this is the “chocco dog” who lives a few doors past the corner.

Tuesday 7th July, 2026.

Wall walk : South Gate to Prasat Chrung SE

Of course, we have to walk the other way the next morning.



We began at the South Gate (Tonle Om).



We found this Rose Swallowtail just emerged from its chrysalis.



I don't know what insect this is, but there were lots of them!



We see many different versions of this insect.



A spider with breakfast.



This is a leaf hopper. When I touched it, it “clicked” off the stem and “got” away.



Progress! Look how well this butterfly has stretched out its wings (about one hour from when we first saw it).

Wednesday 8th July, 2026.

Temple Day : Banteay K'Dei

We decided to walk around the grounds of Banteay K'Dei, on the inside of the wall.



It was a grey day and the forest was wet.



A hole in the wall, looking through to the road to Siem Reap.

Tiny fungus on leaf litter.





Snakes often use the laterite walls of temples to help them shed their skins. I guess they have been doing it for a thousand years.



Green eyed fly.



**Inside the temple wall, but outside the temple buildings,
there are several cleared areas.**



There are cows grazing and planted cashew trees. I wonder how this happens... In the areas near the temples, the Apsara Authority is systematically moving people out of their homes (and clearing the land and planting trees).

This farming is occurring inside the temple grounds.



Other small fungi.



Bird's nest fungi.



We call this “snot” fungus.



Pretty beetle.



We couldn't keep going around the wall due to flooded "paddocks". This is the moat around the temple in the centre of the grounds.

Then it was time to go home. Wednesdays means language lesson (my teacher sent me 10 children's stories to read... over time). And in the evening, we met my old teacher in town as we went to the bank (to take out our "million reil" which lasts about a month).