

Part 374 for Cathy's blog

Thursday 9th July to Sunday 12th, July, 2026

Wall Walk : North Gate to NE Prasat Chrung



Pretty white toadstools. Usually, it is hard to focus on white things, but these have come up beautifully.



I do like these caterpillars. I wonder what the white stripe (around not along) is for.



This is a new beetle for us. Sticking colours and pattern.



Moth or butterfly? It has a silvery sheen to its wings.



Another caterpillar (does it need a good feed of leaves to fatten itself up?)



We still see the dragonflies.



These white and purple / pink flowers are a wild garlic (we thought they were orchids!). The insects seem to like them.

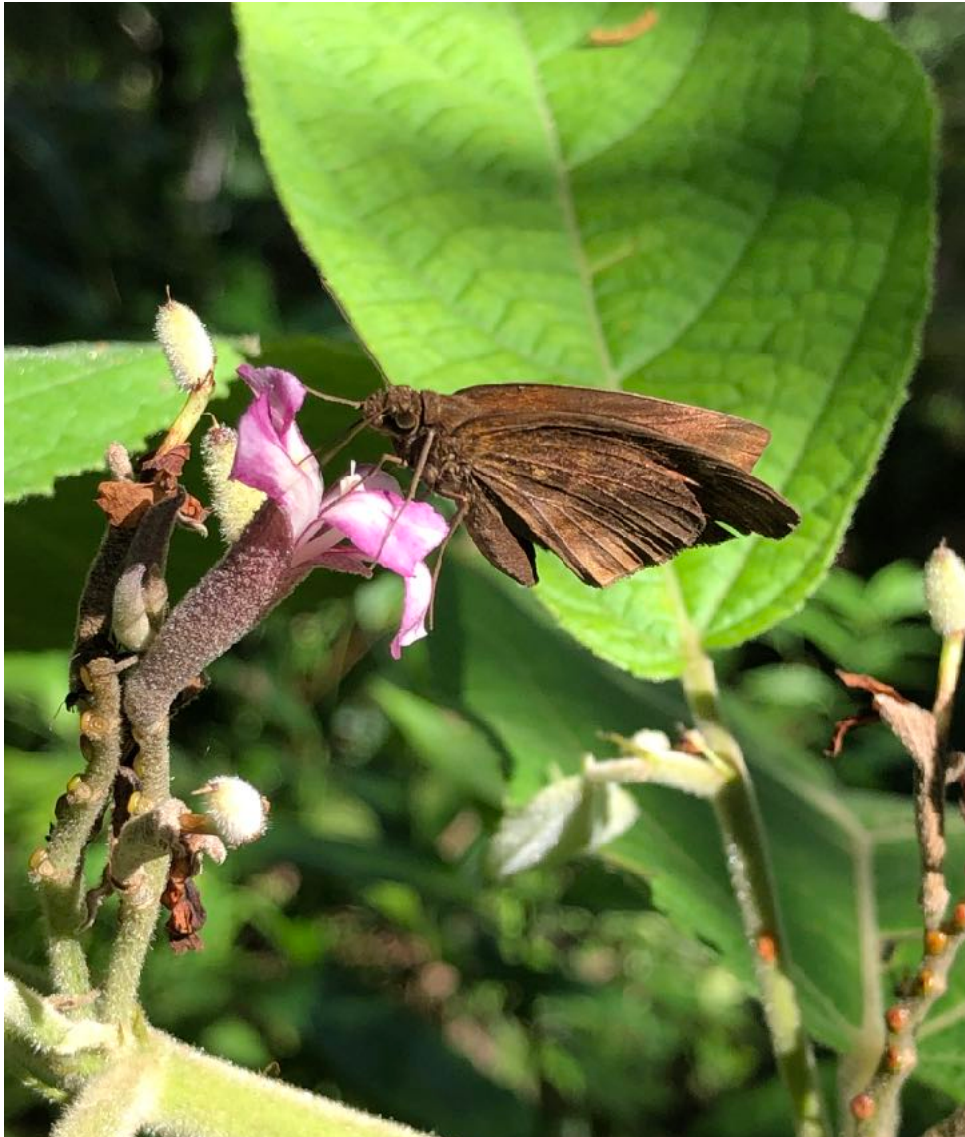


We think the sun is still hot, but the insects (and spiders) seem to like it.





Green eyed fly.



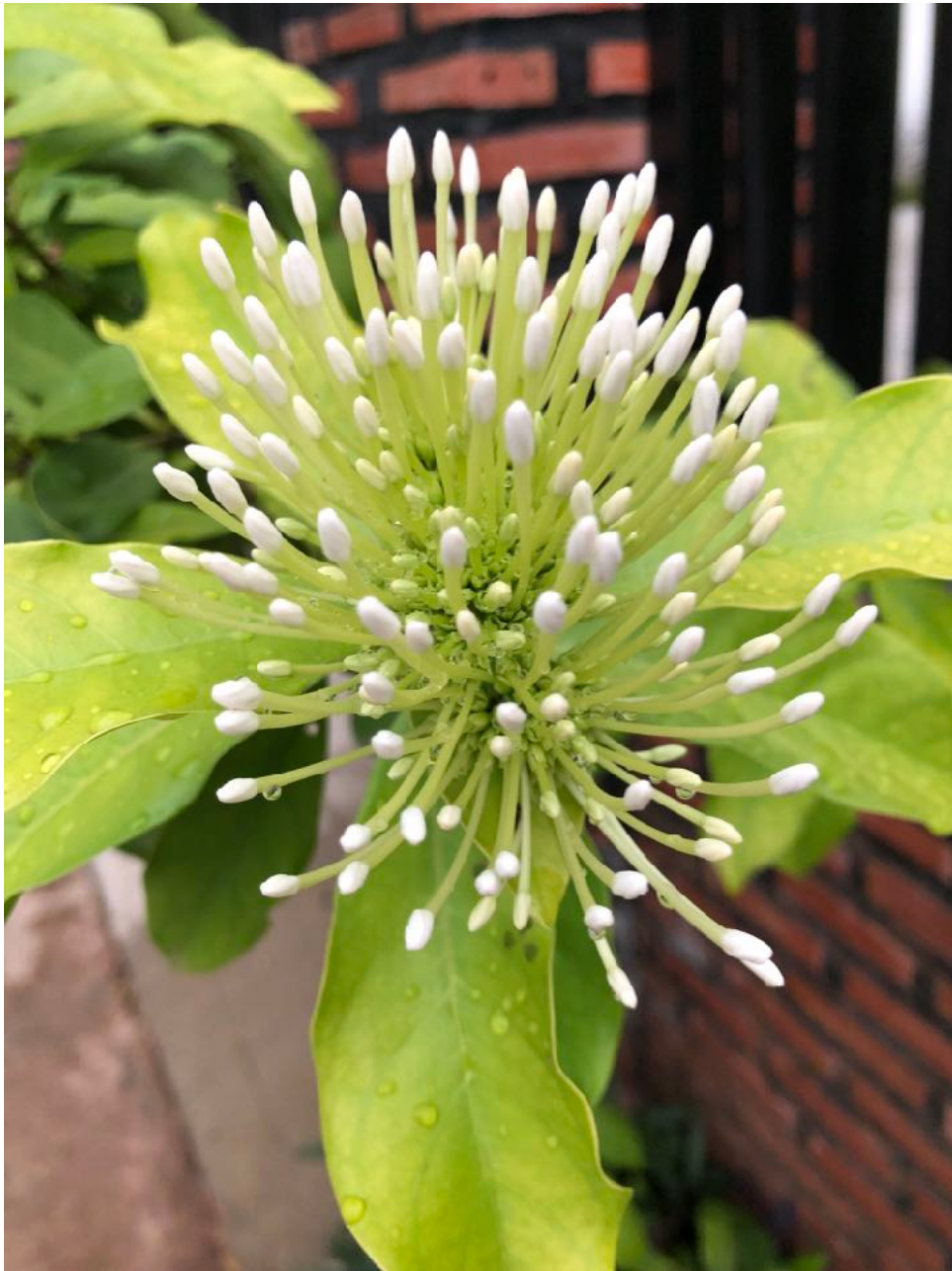
Not all moths or butterflies have beautiful colours or patterns.



Pretty flowers.



Serene faces above the North Gate (Dei Chhnang).



Flower buds (in a neighbour's garden).

Neighbour is “Neak jet kang” which means “person, close, “direction”).

I think one good thing about Covid 19 was the use of technology to keep people in touch. We “zoom” with the family each week.

Even so, we often miss the grandchildren, because they are sleeping or eating or... whatever they can do to annoy their parents.

So we “face-timed” with one of them today. It is the only screen time she gets, so we are quite privileged to see her and have her see us.

Friday 10th July, 2026.

Wall walk : North Gate to NW Prasat Chrung



Tree roots (Speung tree).



The Speung tree and the North Gate.



Today's new find, a scorpion. We were asked where we found it, because the experts did not believe it was on the underside of leaves of weedy bushes about 75cm tall.

As if we would move it! (Yes, I would catch a praying mantis, or a grasshopper or the like, but not spiders or scorpions... or ants!)



The butterflies and dragonflies would not let us catch them.

A much smaller dragonfly. This one was about 3cm long. It's long body is fatter than the damselflies we see.



Well-fed skink in the sun.



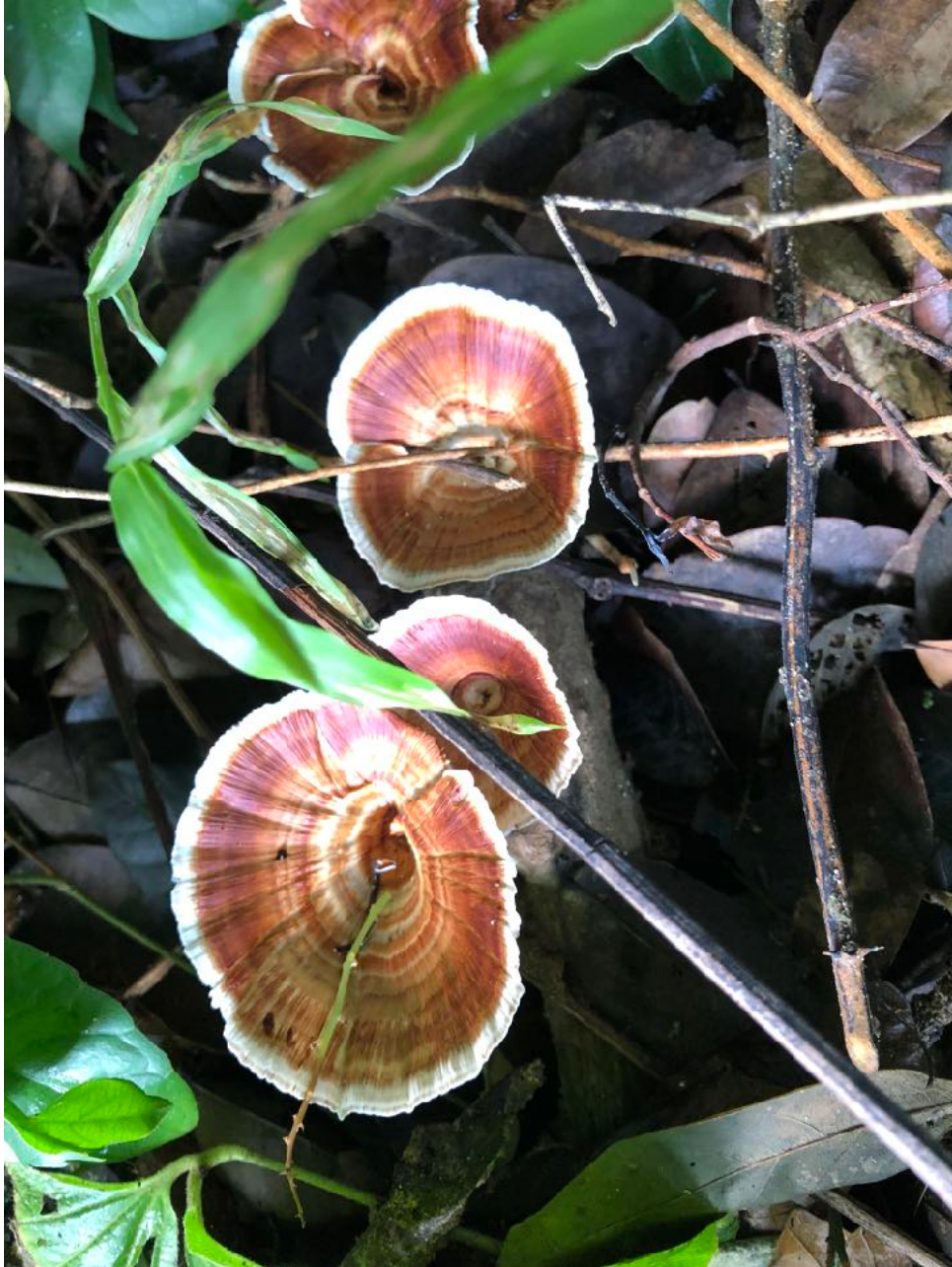
Another new beetle with striking patterns. I especially like the gold necklace.



Weevil (in a woolly jumper!)



Fruit ripening in a tree next to Prasat Chrung NW.



“Cappuccino” fungus.



Patterned body of these orange moths. They flutter from under one leaf to hide under another leaf.



Fruit piercing moth caterpillar. It really is about 12cm long!

Saturday 11th July, 2026.

We walked to Angkor Supermarket ... again.

We had though the milk supply was solved, but apparently not... there are two brands we do not like (for taste) and our favourite brand “Kirisu” (Cambodian) was only available in 1 litre bottles.

There are still plenty of things you can buy...



Dried snake sounds good... or dried buffalo.



We have new people living upstairs... more Aussies (four out of the six apartments are now rented by Australians!)

Sunday 12th July, 2026.

And Sundays are Spean Chivit days.

My girl is almost done with her essay. It is time for practise.
Next week, the whole class will present their speeches.