

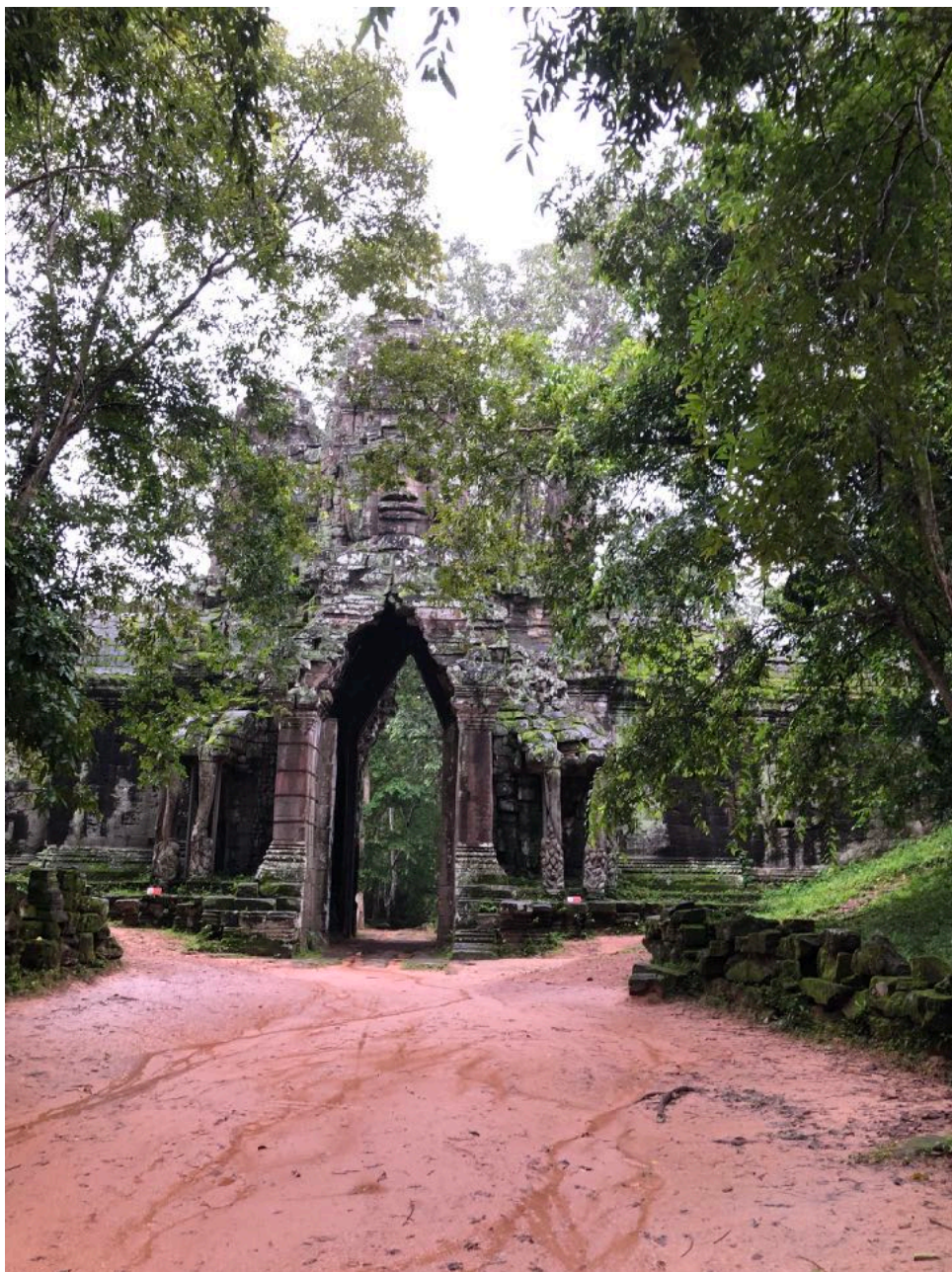
Part 384 for Cathy's blog

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd, September, 2026

Tuesday 1st September

Wall Walk : Gate of the Dead to Prasat Chrung SE

Although it was only spitting when we left home, the rain thickened up and we had to return for our coats. Perhaps it was the rain, but there weren't many insects out and about.

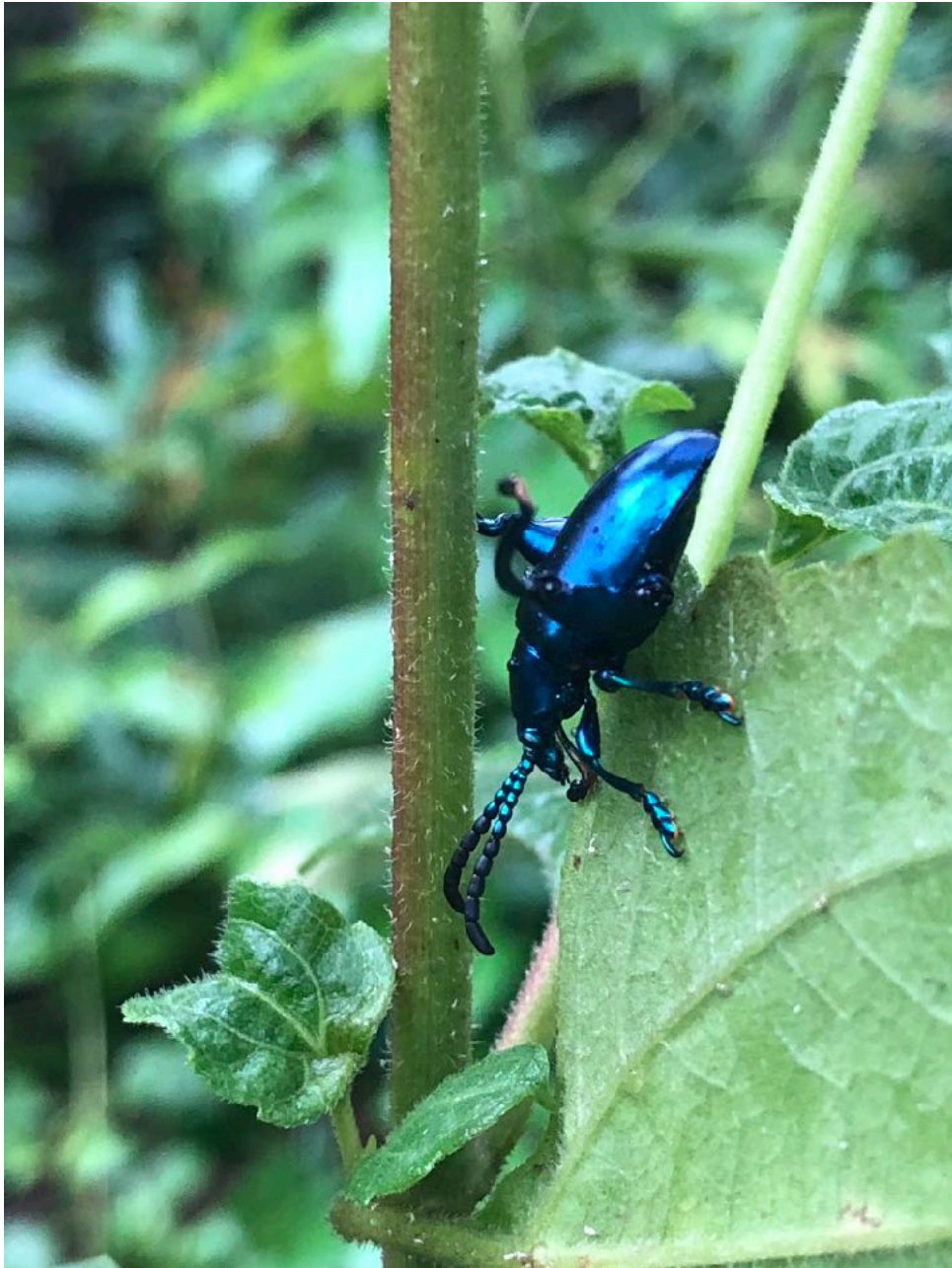




Over the years, the path has been held in place (just) by the tree roots.



Some creatures like the rain.



This blue beetle didn't seem worried by it.



Look closely at the water droplets on this insect (I think it is a leaf hopper).



Strange droplets on a fungus (exuding from the fungus) and a close up.





This spider's web needs repair.



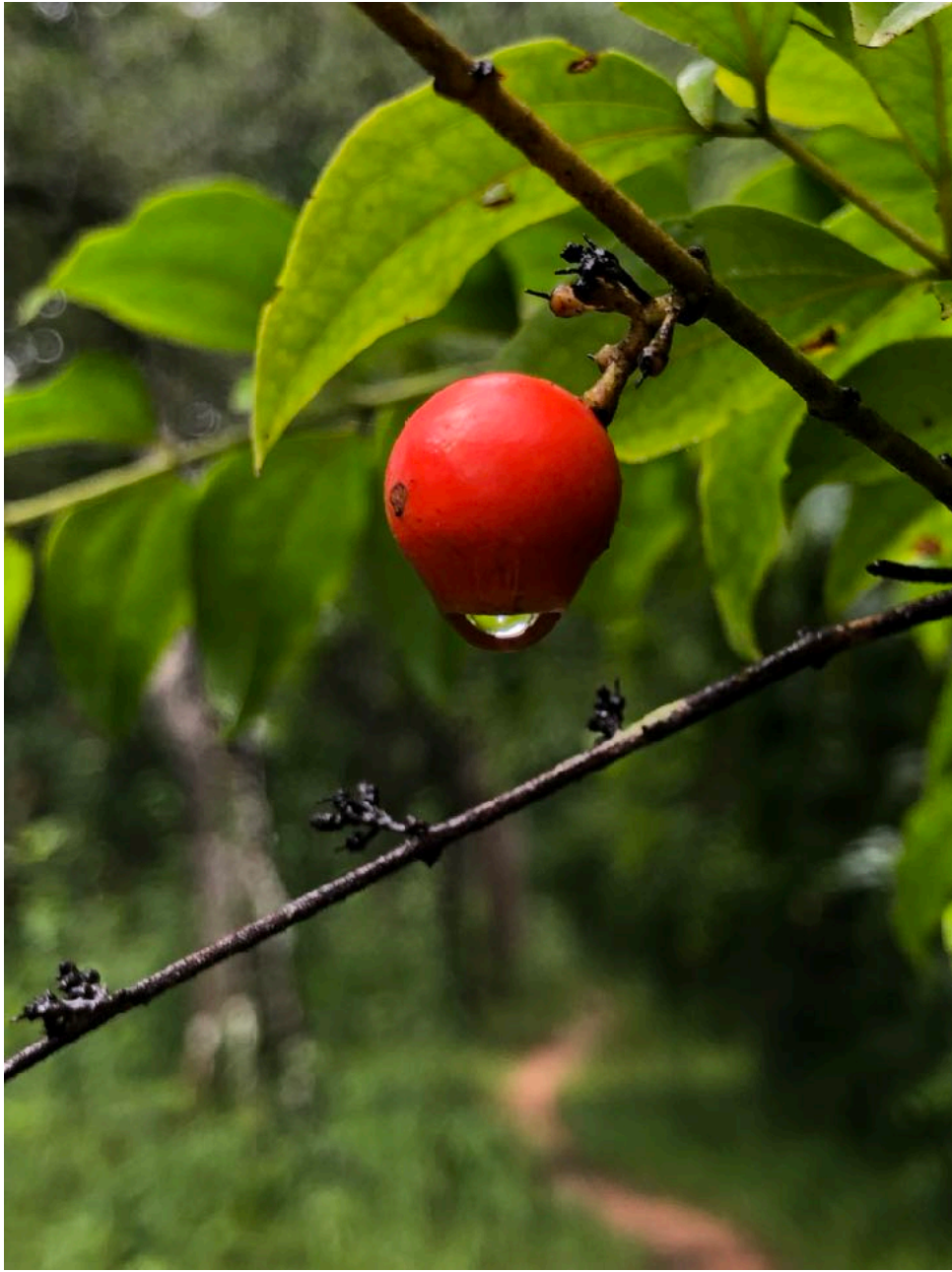
This is the same web from the side!



This snail has such pretty patterns on its shell.



**I couldn't get a photo of this moth with its wings open.
Its wings were just patterned (no "eyes"). With the
wings closed, it looks quite plain. It is a new one for us.**



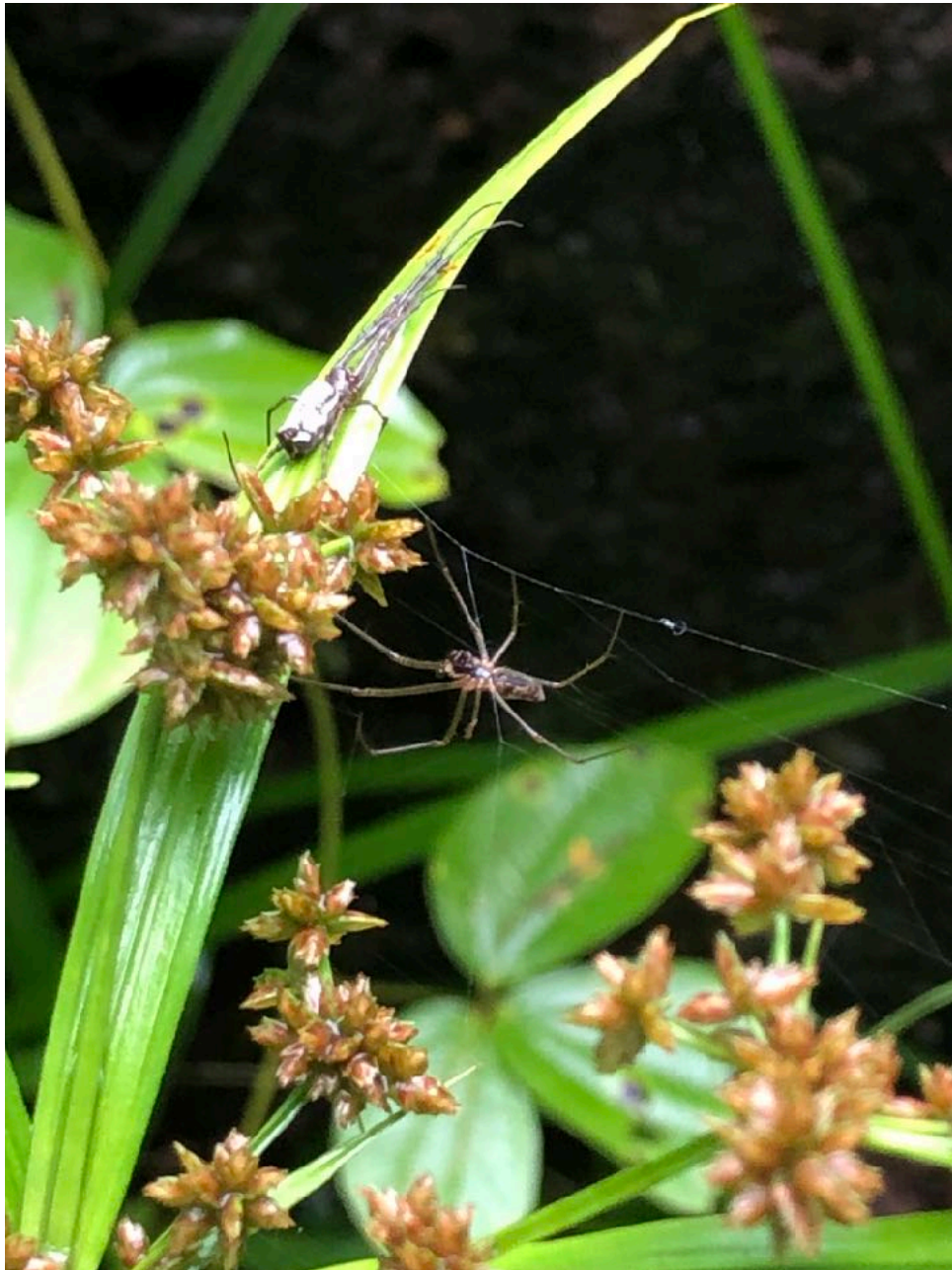
Pretty red berry.



This stick insect gave me a fright as it walked on my back pack. So, I put it over onto the bushes, where it “froze”.



Small St George's cross spider.



There are two spiders in this photo.

Back at the Gate of the Dead, we walked east to the lock and the part of the moat around Angkor Thom where we have seen the otters.

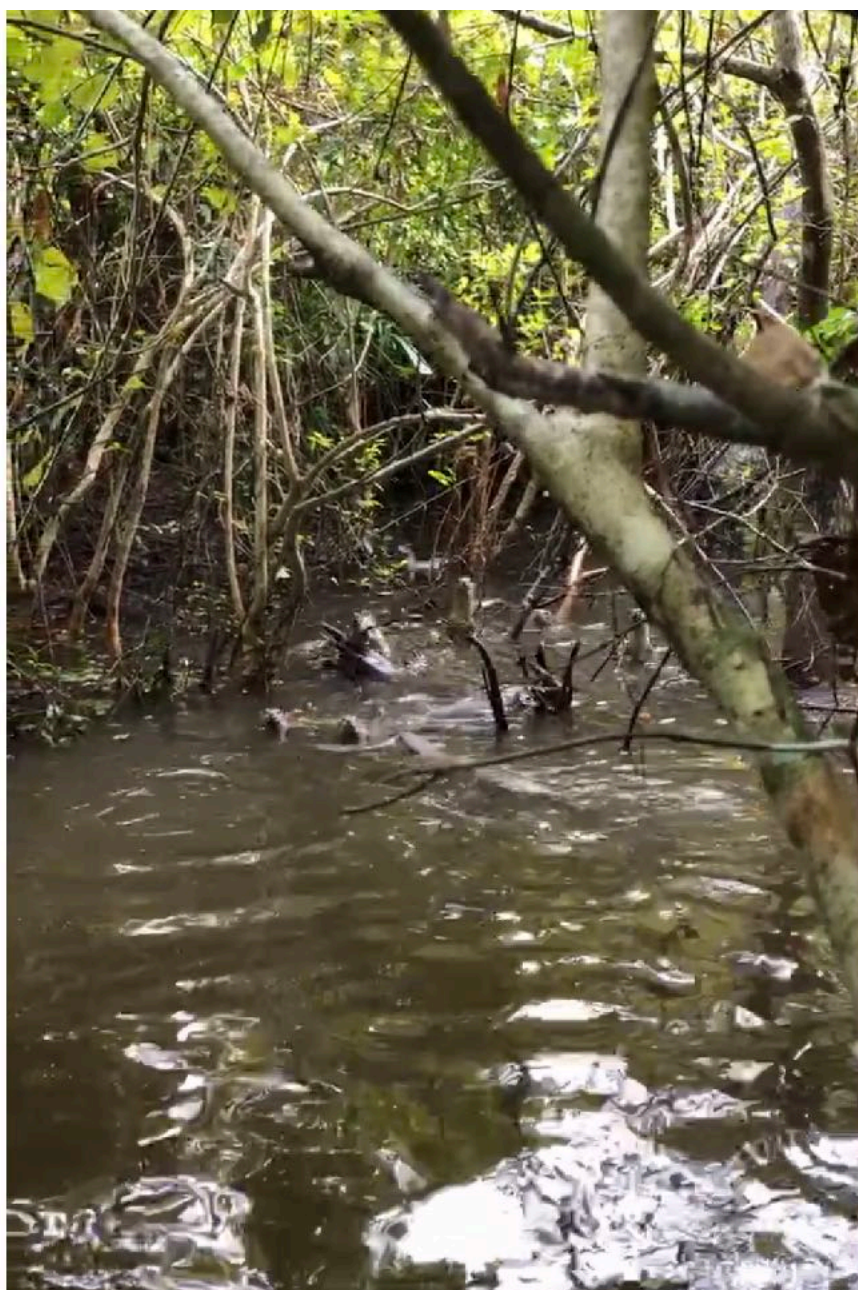
And they were there!



There were about twelve of them and in addition to their little “squeaks”, they also had this low “moan” (like the Tibetan throat singers!)

It was a warning call.

And when so many otters start swimming up to you, making that strange noise, I went back up the bank and left them to their stretch of water.



Wednesday 2nd September, 2026.

Wall walk : the north half of the East wall.

We parked at the Victory Gate and walked north first, then south to the Gate of the Dead (in hopes of seeing the otters again, but they weren't there).



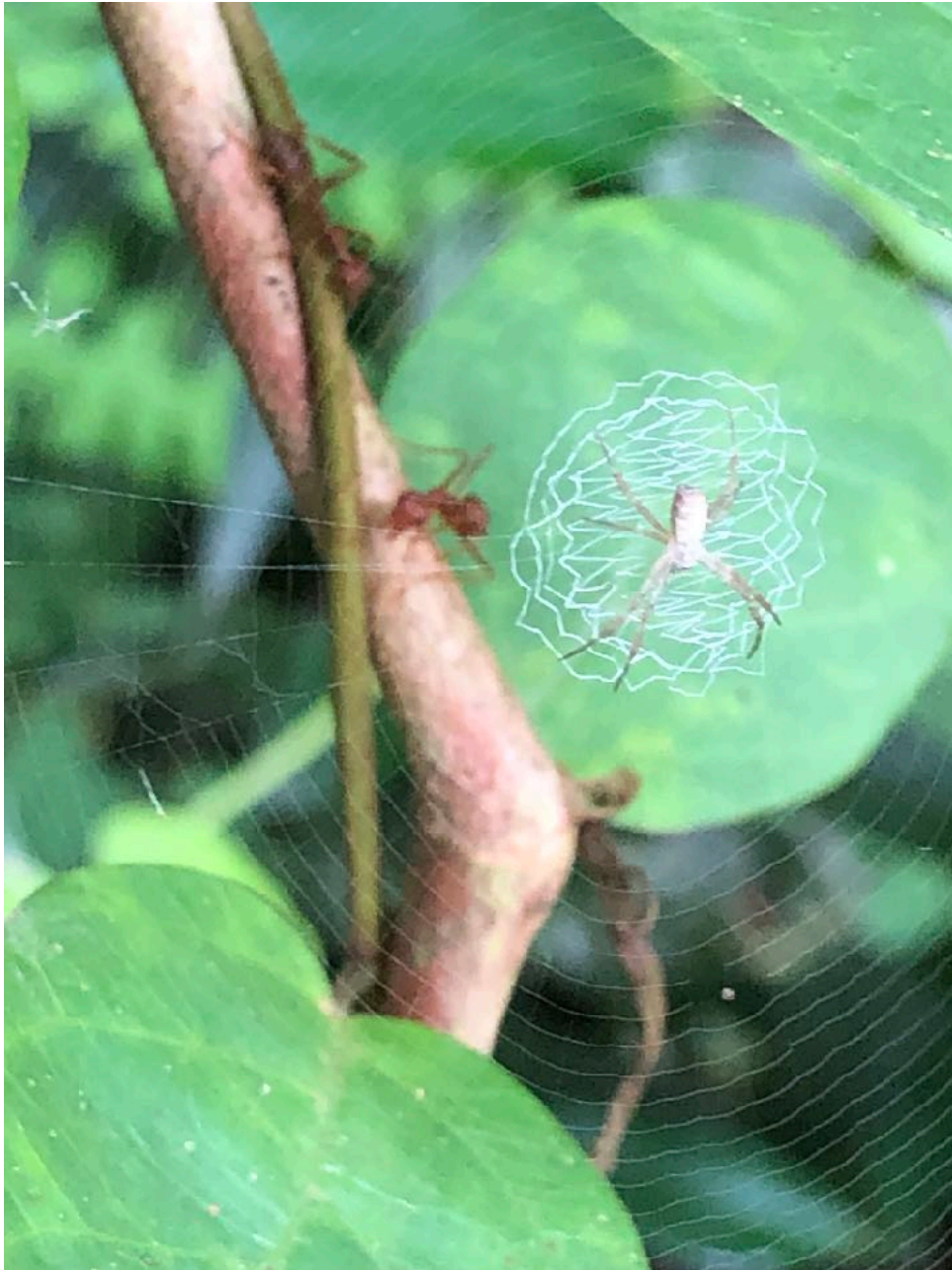
The early sunshine is beautiful.



We found this spider beside the track that leads up to the top of the wall.



And this spider not quite hidden under the leaves.



This is a baby Saint George's cross spider. They make these little thicker web areas and hide behind them.



This grasshopper caught my eye. It is “heavier” than the more common ones.



The dragonflies do not always sit still, but they always make a great photo.



These lizards climb the thin grass (and weed) stems. Look how long his tail is. I like the pattern around his eye.



I am not sure what this insect is!



Different grasshopper. I like his forward pointing antenna.



Perhaps it is “spider” day today... many of them were spinning webs. This Nephilia was making quick work of it.



There are many insects we see every day. These moths are common and always beautiful (and not always easy to photograph).



This is another common moth. It looks “tattered”, but that is part of the camouflage.



The Victory Gate, from the top of the wall.



These grey and pink millipedes can sometimes be found climbing up or down the tree trunks.

In the afternoon, I went to have my language class with my original teacher. She made me spell words (which is tricky!). It is a good change because you can get too comfortable learning with just one teacher.