

Part 385 for Cathy's blog

Thursday 3rd to Sunday 6th September, 2026

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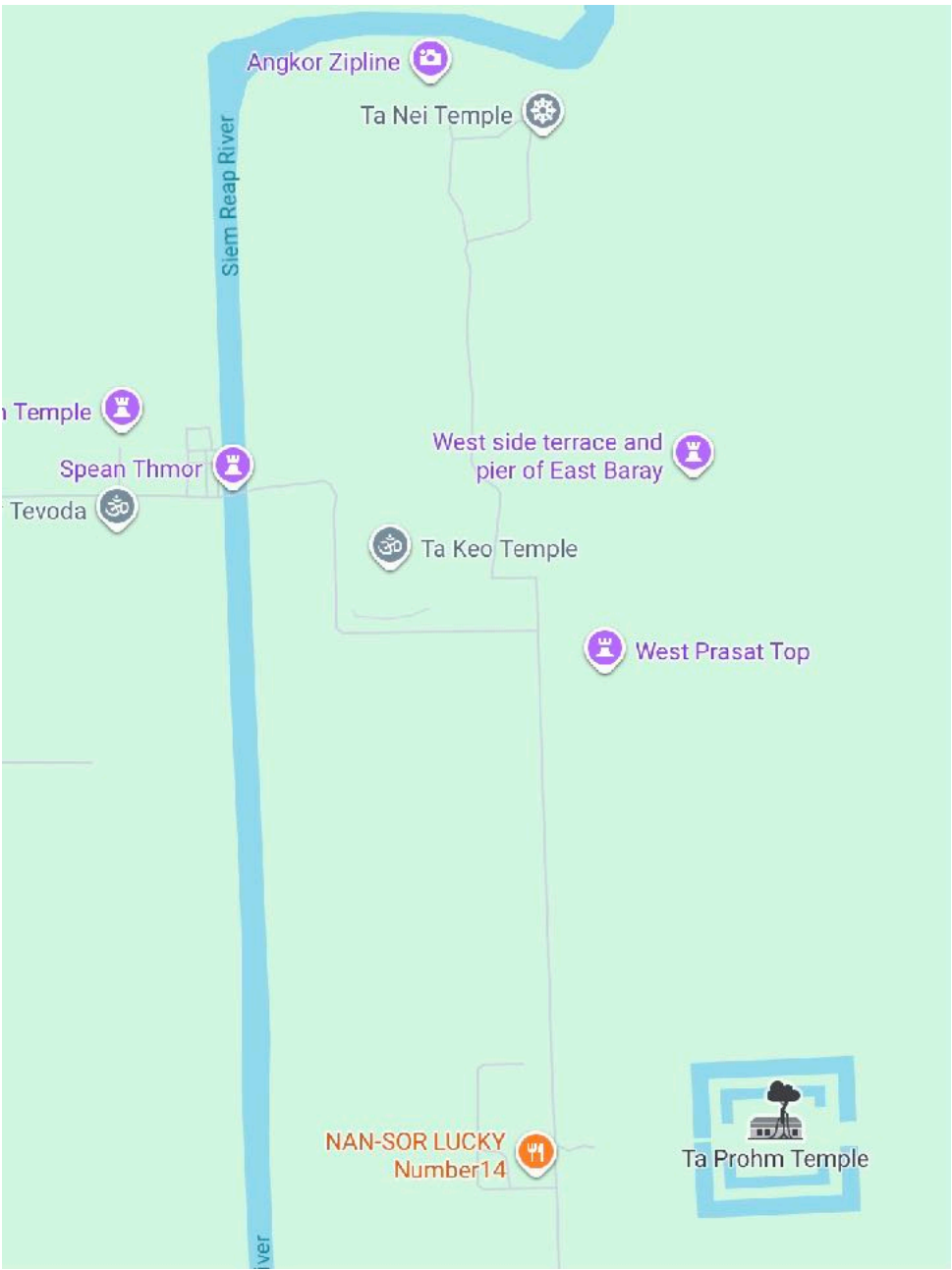
Temple Day : Ta Nei

A visit to Ta Nei Temple is always a pleasure. It is tucked in jungle just north of Ta Keo temple (and the Angkor Zip Line is next to the dirt road to Ta Nei Temple).

Ta Nei Temple has a dry moat, a fallen wall and is enclosed in its own walls. Some of the towers are fallen, but some remain almost intact. It is beautifully carved.

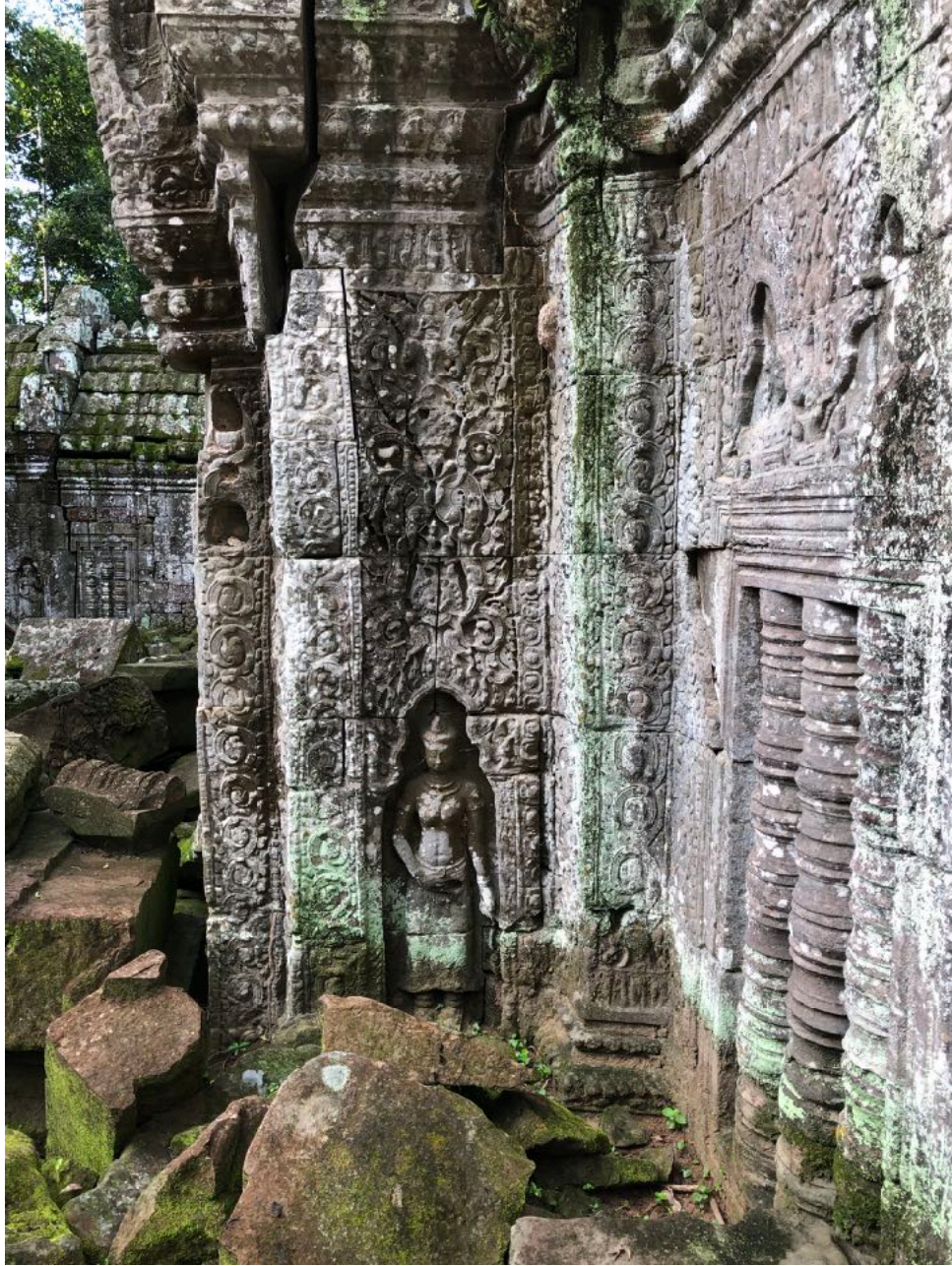
Recent excavation works continue to the east of the temple, where there is a wide walkway, a small gopura and a further walkway /platform (which once led down to the now dry baray).

Below is the map of the area. It shows our other favourite temples... Don Mao (and the Eastern Terrace) and West Top (the almost octagonal single towered temple). If you have been to visit Angkor, you will have crossed the river over the bridge and then turned right to drive down to Ta Prohm Temple.

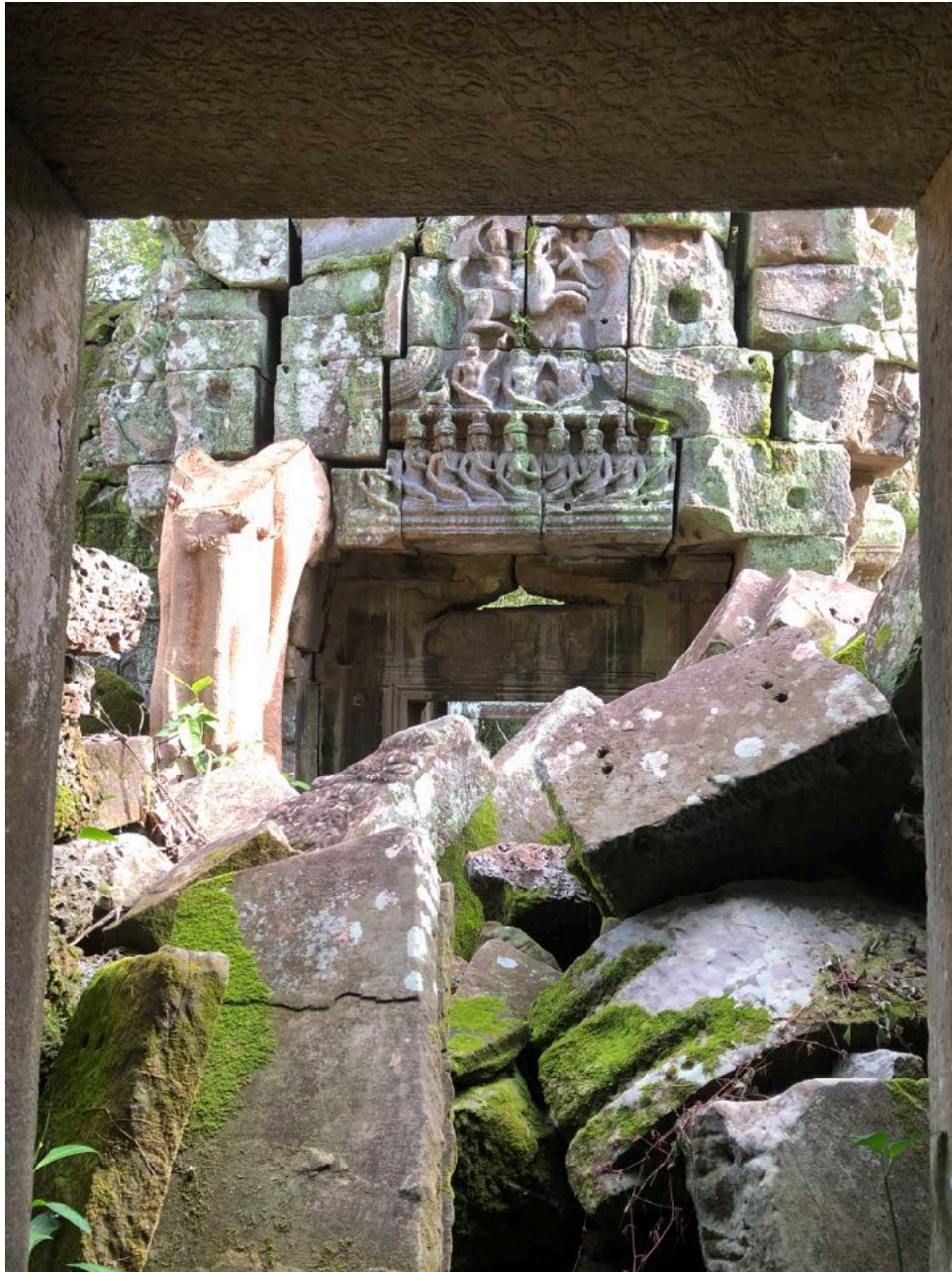




Western gopura, Ta Nei Temple.



Fallen blocks make it difficult to get close to the carvings.



**You can see these carvings through the doorway, but
you cannot climb over to them.**



More carvings showing the worshippers and the divine hero. I do not know which stories these carvings represent.



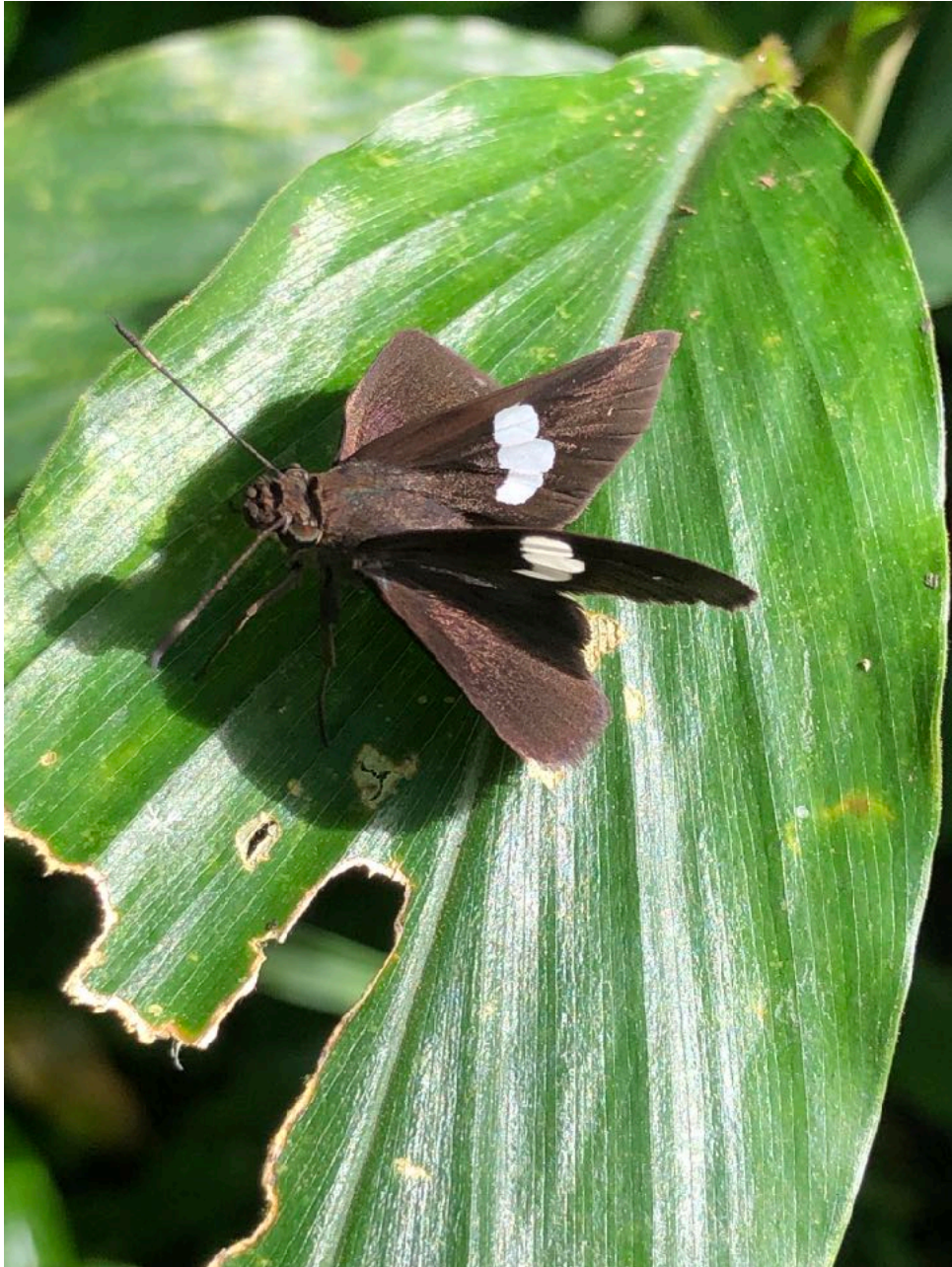
We saw this medium sized Kukri snake. It moved from the carving and along into a gap between the blocks.



Close looks at the carvings show things we haven't noticed before. Like this squirrel in the medallions beside a doorway.



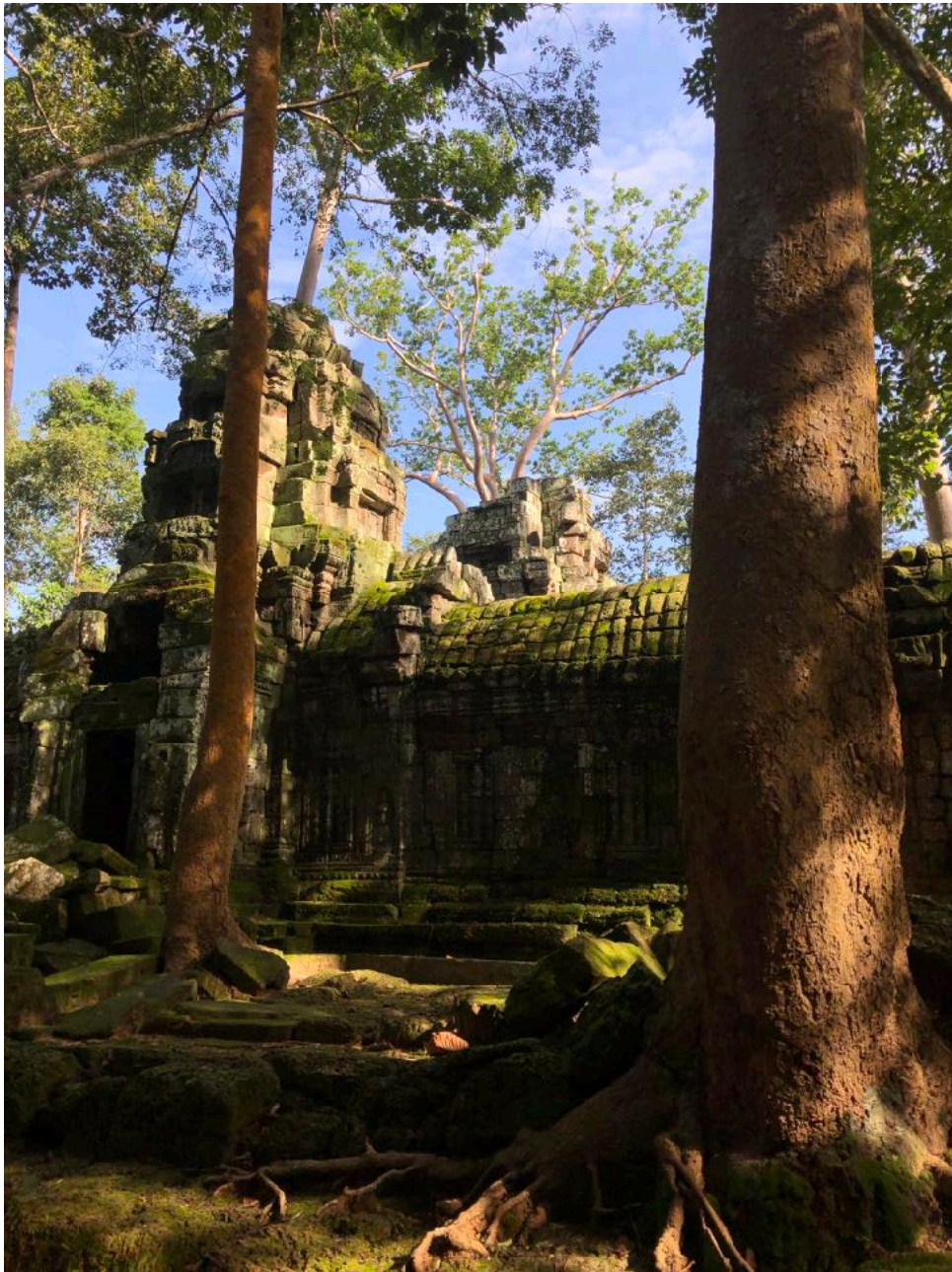
Water collects in the stands where lions or warriors once stood. Here you can see the surrounding trees and some of the shelters over the excavation works.



There is always time to see some wildlife too.



A moss covered carving, lying a little way outside the temple.



Two towers of the Ta Nei Temple.



The other side of Ta Nei Temple.

Friday 4th September, 2026.

Wall Walk : West Gate to NW Prasat Chrung



This is David standing in the roots of a “speung” tree.

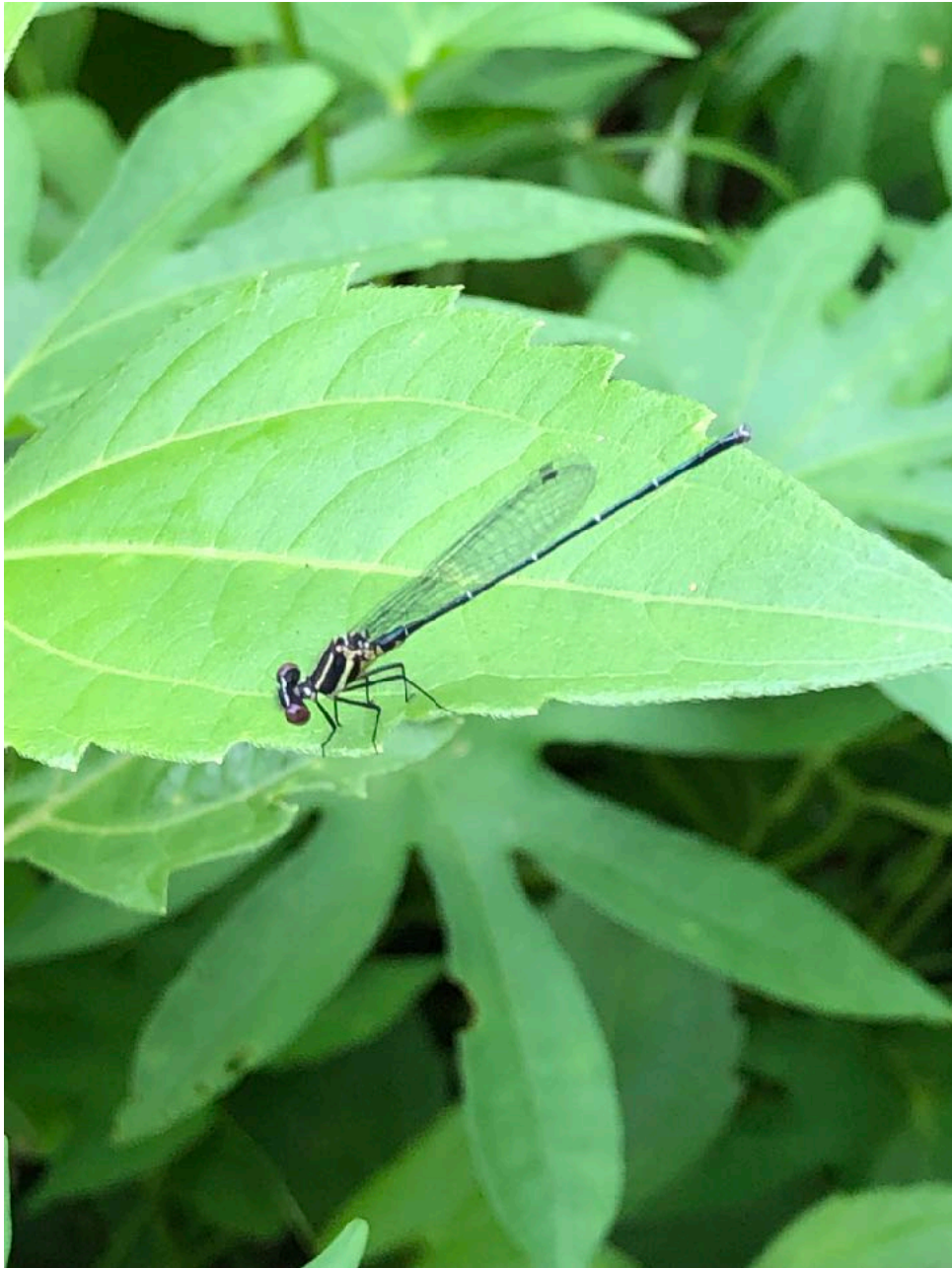


Two more trees on the path.

There are trees beside the wall and trees “inside” the wall (which is thick jungle) and some grow on the flat part of the wall, built for protection around the city of Angkor Thom.



These are the red seed (pods) of a plant growing on the edge of the wall.



Handsome damselfly.



This is an Imperial butterfly. It can move the tail parts of its wings, making them look more like its antenna.



Beautiful butterfly.



We watched this wasp dig out this nest. It has already organised food for either itself or the egg it will lay.

Saturday 5th September, 2026.

We did our usual walk to Angkor Supermarket.

Then it was home for washing, housework, setting up some different sewing and some tv watching.

We treated ourselves and went out to Jungle Burger for tea.

Sunday 6th September, 2026.

It was an equally quiet day at home.