

Part 387 for Cathy's blog

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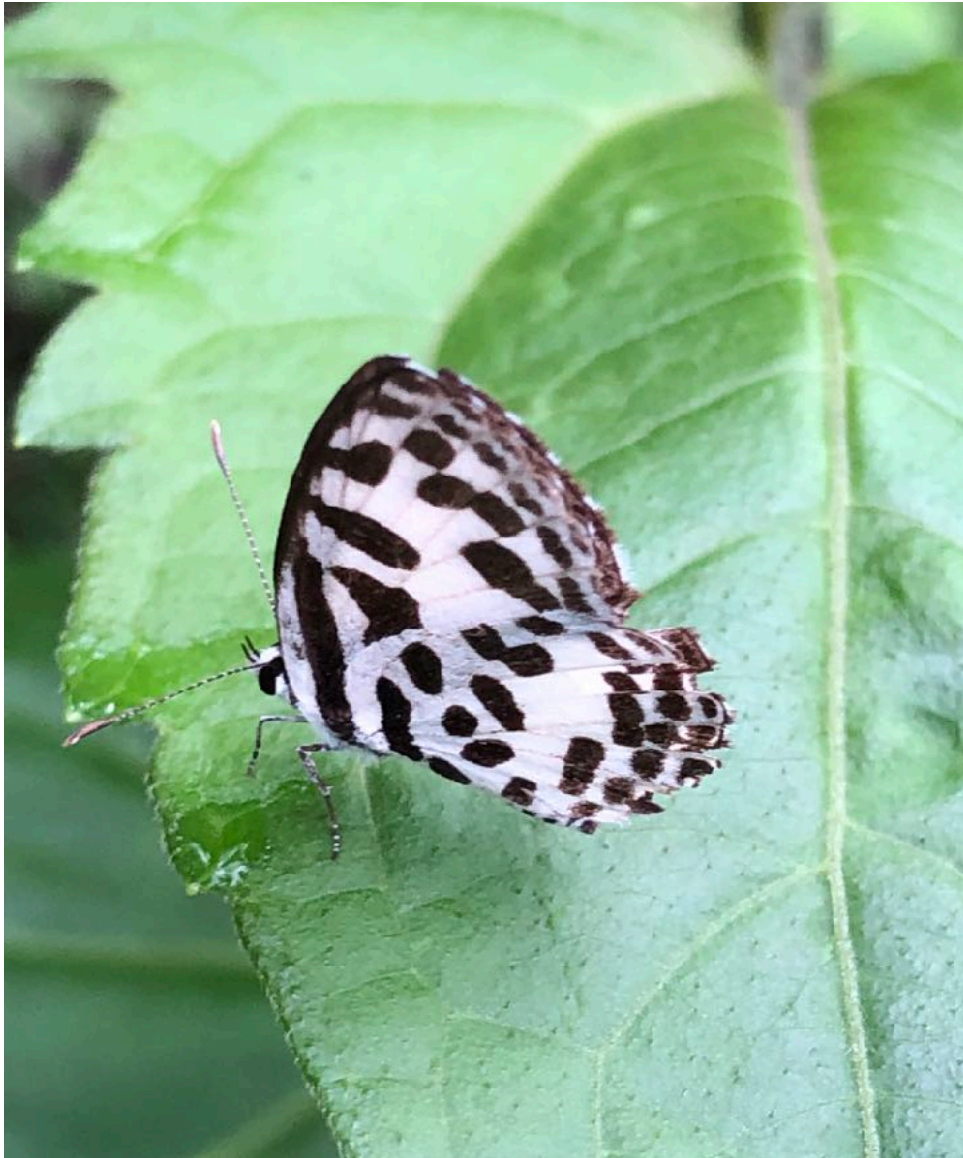
Wall walk : West Gate to SW Prasat Chrung



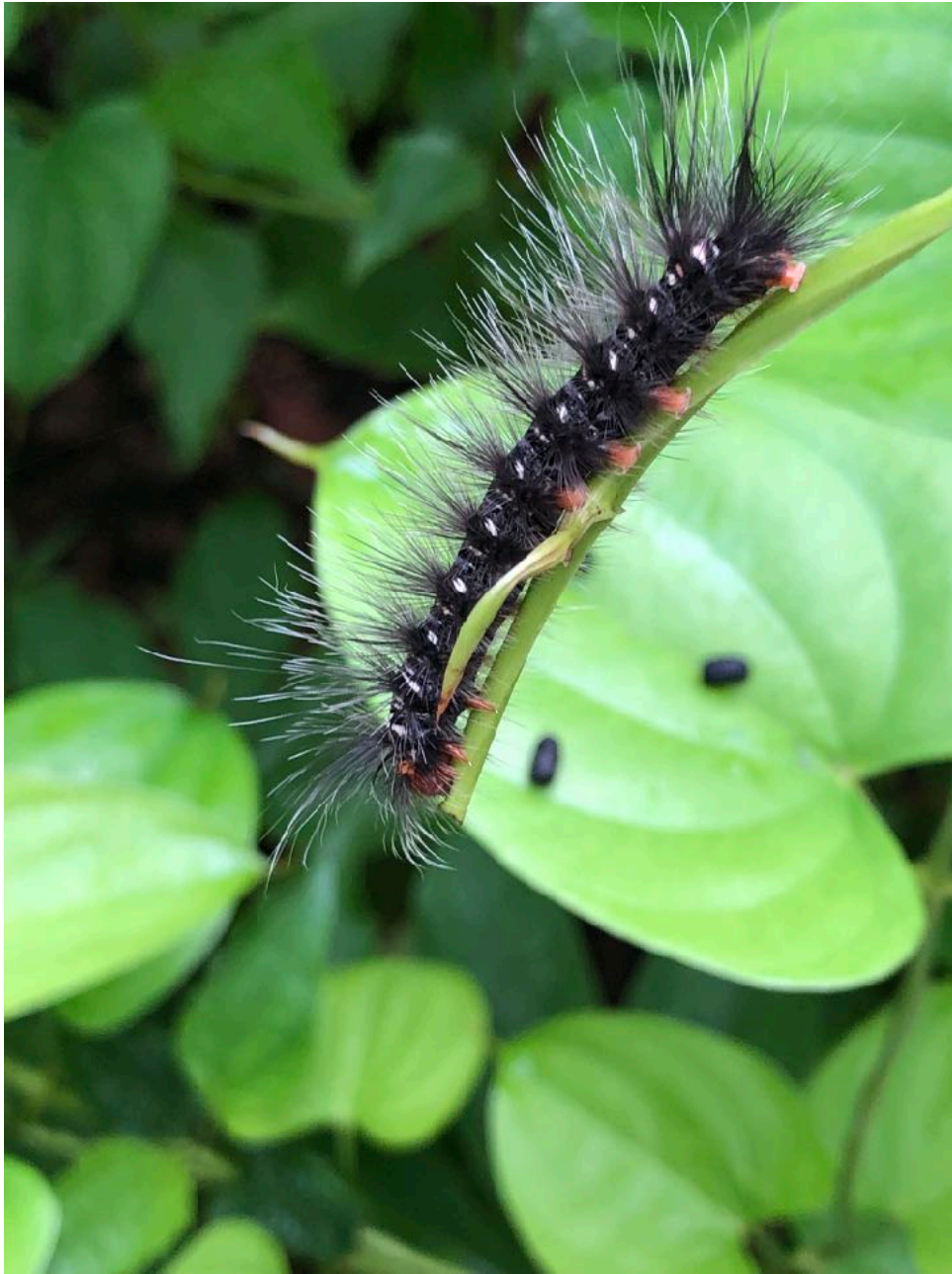
Egg cases... not sure what hatched from these.



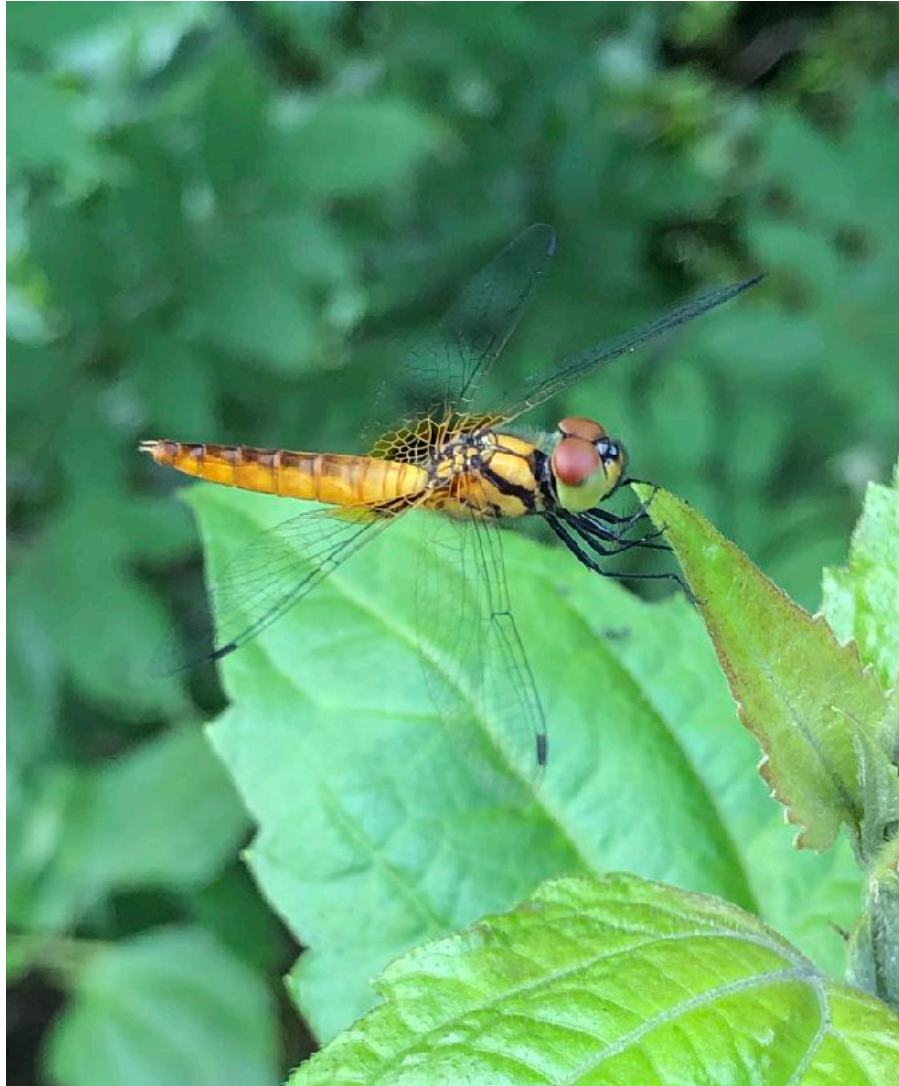
There are lots of smaller insects around. This little moth is about 1 cm long.



And these little (common) butterflies are about 1 cm square.



We don't often see caterpillars. We know they are there... you can see the leaves that have been eaten and there are lots of moths and butterflies. Another sign is the caterpillar "poo" which can be easily seen on the leaves.



**Sometimes the dragonflies perch at just the right height
for me.**



Just back from the West Gate is this magnificent tree.

Wednesday 9th September, 2026.

Temple Day : Krol Ko

It has been a long time since I rode the motorbike, so this morning we dropped in to the car park north of Preah Khan Temple. I was ok with the gears, but turning corners is a problem! You cannot swing as wide as I did practising in the car park!

Then it was on to Krol Ko.



We expected lots of mushrooms in the leaf litter of the “jungle”, not the swept, sandy surrounds of a temple.



Every time we visit a temple, we see something new.

“Krol Ko” is probably not the “real” name for this temple (as it means “cow corral”. But there are lots of cows in the carvings.



Small cows or big people?



And is this a piglet?



There are also carved horses.



The naga are quite decorative.



And the figures in the medallions are worn.



I have posted about this “pet” elephant before.



While Krol Ko is not as big as the more famous temples, it has a surrounding wall with an impressive gopura, walkways, libraries and towers.



The moat fills in the rainy season (but it is completely dry for most of the year).



The heavy rain splashes sand onto the mushrooms.



**In the sheltered spots by rocks or fallen branches,
different mushrooms grow.**



These small mushrooms don't have gills; they have a "honeycomb" network for their spores.



A different butterfly on the fallen fruit.

Back near the motorbike, we saw a snake (a kukri snake) slithering off into some thick fallen leaves. There are more snakes around than we see (and thankfully, they are shy).

In town, they have bulldozed some worn out buildings near the riverside night market. We think they're are building a new food (prepared food) market... we will let you know.

