

Part 390 for Cathy's blog

Thursday 17th and Friday 18th September, 2026

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Temple Day : Angkor Wat

Today we will walk half way around the outside of the Angkor Wat complex. The last time we were here, they had just slashed the grass and there weren't many insects.

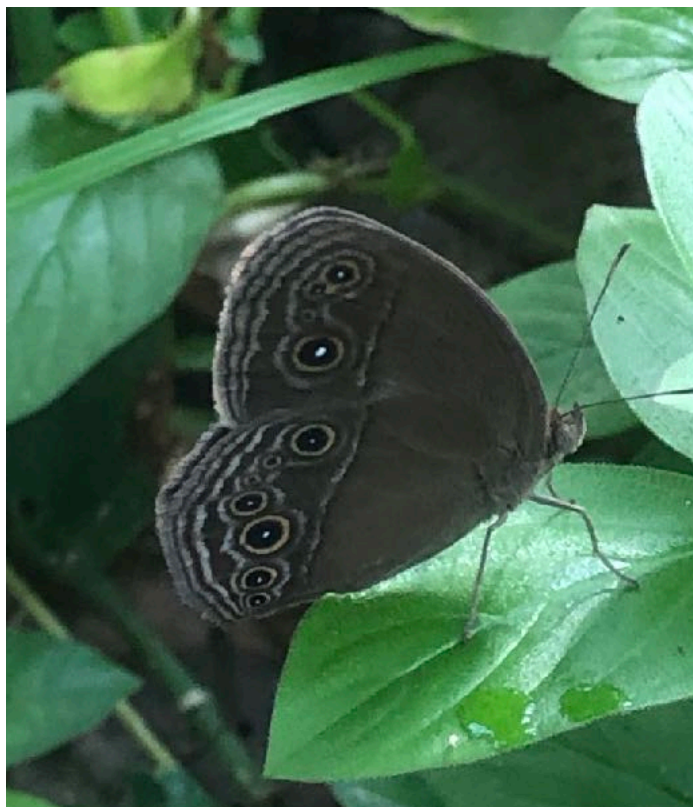
I must admit, I like to look for the insects. Some of the temples have very little vegetation near them (and they are kept swept clean by Apsara and Gaea staff). No vegetation means no insects.



We park at the east entrance (not across the causeway, ie not on the “island” of Angkor Wat).

This is the impressive Eastern Gopura which is not the main entrance to the temple. It has just been restored.

We do not walk in here (you can see the central tower of Angkor Wat itself through the doorway). We walked to the left today.



Butterflies in the grass.





We were lucky to see the hornbills. We know there were two, but we think there was a third.



We found another one of these moths, hiding in the grass.



Once around to the west side, we enter into the temple grounds. Where there are people, there are monkeys.



We have often found lots of fungus on the fallen logs in the temple grounds.



Dead man's fingers.



Tiny mushrooms, the size of pin heads, on stalks as thin as pins.



Blobs.



Frills.



Different toadstools.



And some that look like ... mushrooms.

It is only 15km to Angkor Wat and there are no one-way roads, so it is a quick ride home.

Back at home, I am working on getting the cleaning done for when we leave for our holiday.

Friday 18th September, 2026.

Temple Day : Don Mao

A quick visit to our old favourite temple, Don Mao (and the Eastern Terrace).





Another pretty flower.



More mushrooms.



And other fungus.



A different green insect, something like a grasshopper.



Spider.

We saw some of the smaller hornbills, but they stayed high in the trees.

Back at home and it was time to (nearly) finish packing and finish the cleaning ready to leave tomorrow (for our holiday diary, see see the section of Kuala Lumpur on the David and Cathy Cambodia website).