## Part 399 for Cathy's blog

## Wednesday 21st October

## Temple Day : Prei Temple and Banteay Prei




**This is actually quite a steep hill, to walk up to these temple remains.**



**Although Prei is a small temple, it is worth fifteen minutes of your time.**

**It has false windows.**



**It has false doors.**



**It has the same “leaf” carvings that we saw on the blocks near the Bayon.**

**We had not noticed this before.**



**The carvings are worn but beautiful.**



**These carvings are pretty.**



**There is vegetation around the temple (and a permanent small lake between  Prei Temple and Banteay Prei Temple. These are called birds nest fungi.**



**Here is a dragonfly.**



**A different dragonfly near the water.**

**At Banteay Prei temple, the garden workers were having a break.**





**These weeds grow on the edge of the moat around the temple. Even with as much rain as we have had, the moat has not filled up (and it will dry out completely in several months).**

It was a busy day.  Two temples (quick visits), a language lesson and an early tea.  Then we were picked up at home by Mr Sang (and his wife) to go Herping.  This is what the torches are for.

We went by Tuktuk to an empty housing estate near Banteay Srey (a long ride in a Tuktuk at night).



**We saw a variety of insects, frogs and even crabs.**

We walked a long way, sometimes ankle deep in water.

We only saw two snakes.



**Bronze back snake.**



**A different view (same snake).**



**A pretty Christmas beetle (they eat these… cooked, of course).**



**And a baby bronze back.**



**Our group.**

It was an interesting evening. Of course, we wanted to see more snakes, but that is the luck of the draw.