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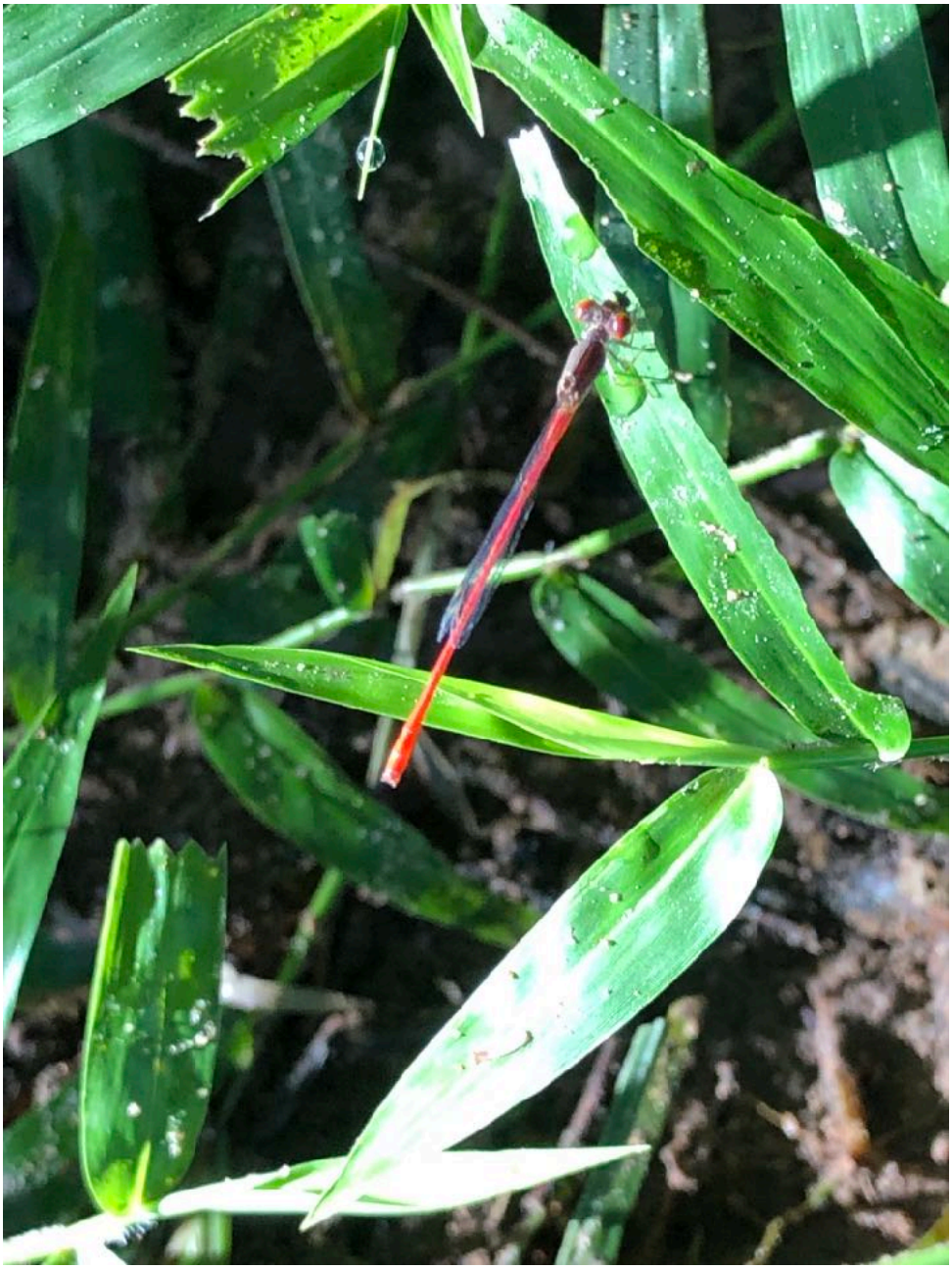
Thursday 22nd October, 2026.

It was a late night after our snake expedition, getting home after midnight, so we stayed home.

Friday 23rd October, 2026.
Wall Walk : North Gate to NW Prasat Chrung



This is the intersection that takes you east (right) to the Victory Gate. Or you continue straight on, north, to the North Gate. The laterite towers you can see are part of the Suor Proat towers.



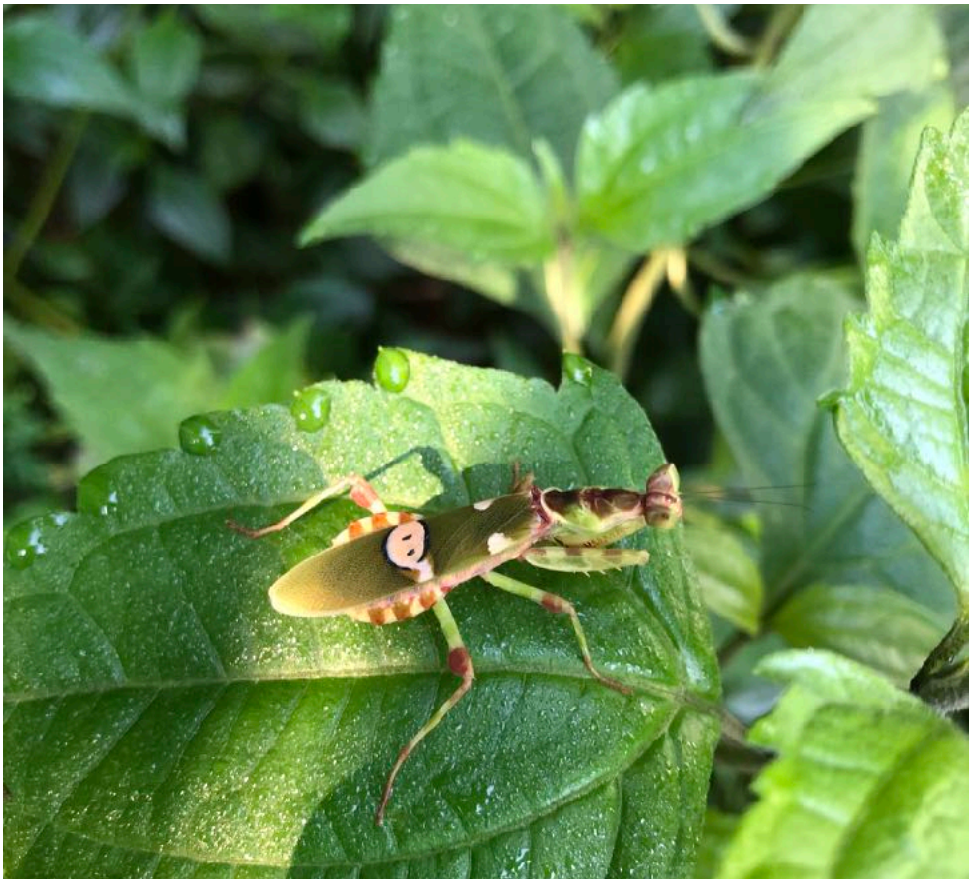
At the North Gate, we were once again lucky in finding many insects, like this pretty red damselfly.



A fat praying mantis.



A furry caterpillar on the path.



Interesting markings on this praying mantis.



A Nephilia spinning her web.

She has an interesting marking on her back too.



A tropical Swallowtail moth.



Beautiful iridescent blue on this fly.



Prasat Chrung NW in the morning sunshine.



Blue damselfly.



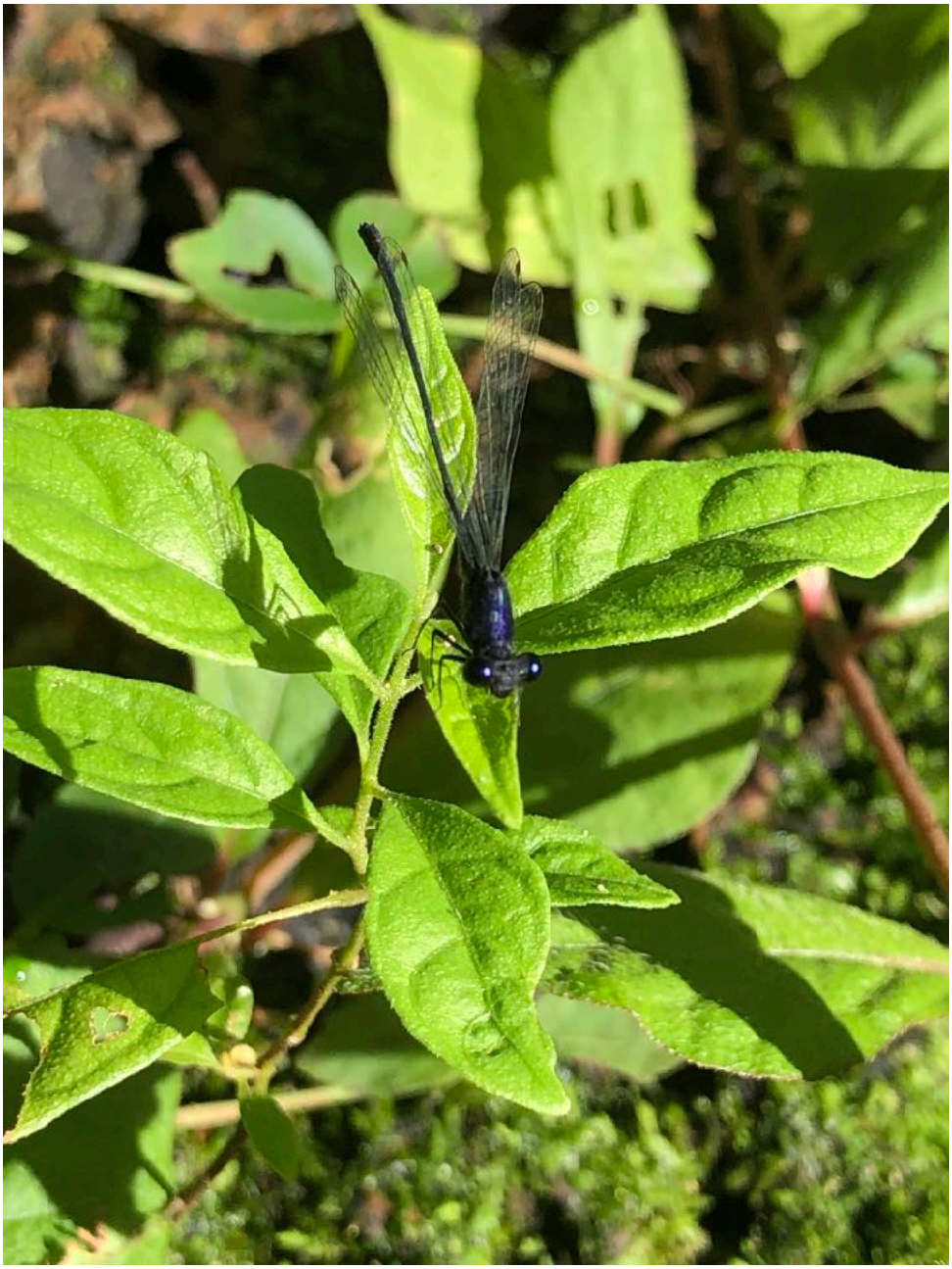
Another furry caterpillar.



This is the biggest dragonfly we have seen. I hope you will take my word for it… it is wider across than my hand.



This one is much smaller (and usually doesn’t settle, making photos tricky).



This damselfly shines blue and black in the sun.

And a third praying mantis.





He was quite content on David’s Akubra.

It was a busy morning of insects.

Saturday 24th October, 2026.

The concrete was poured for the new road and it is still setting, so we didn't go supermarket shopping today.

We still went out for tea and this is the almost full moon over the food stalls by the river.

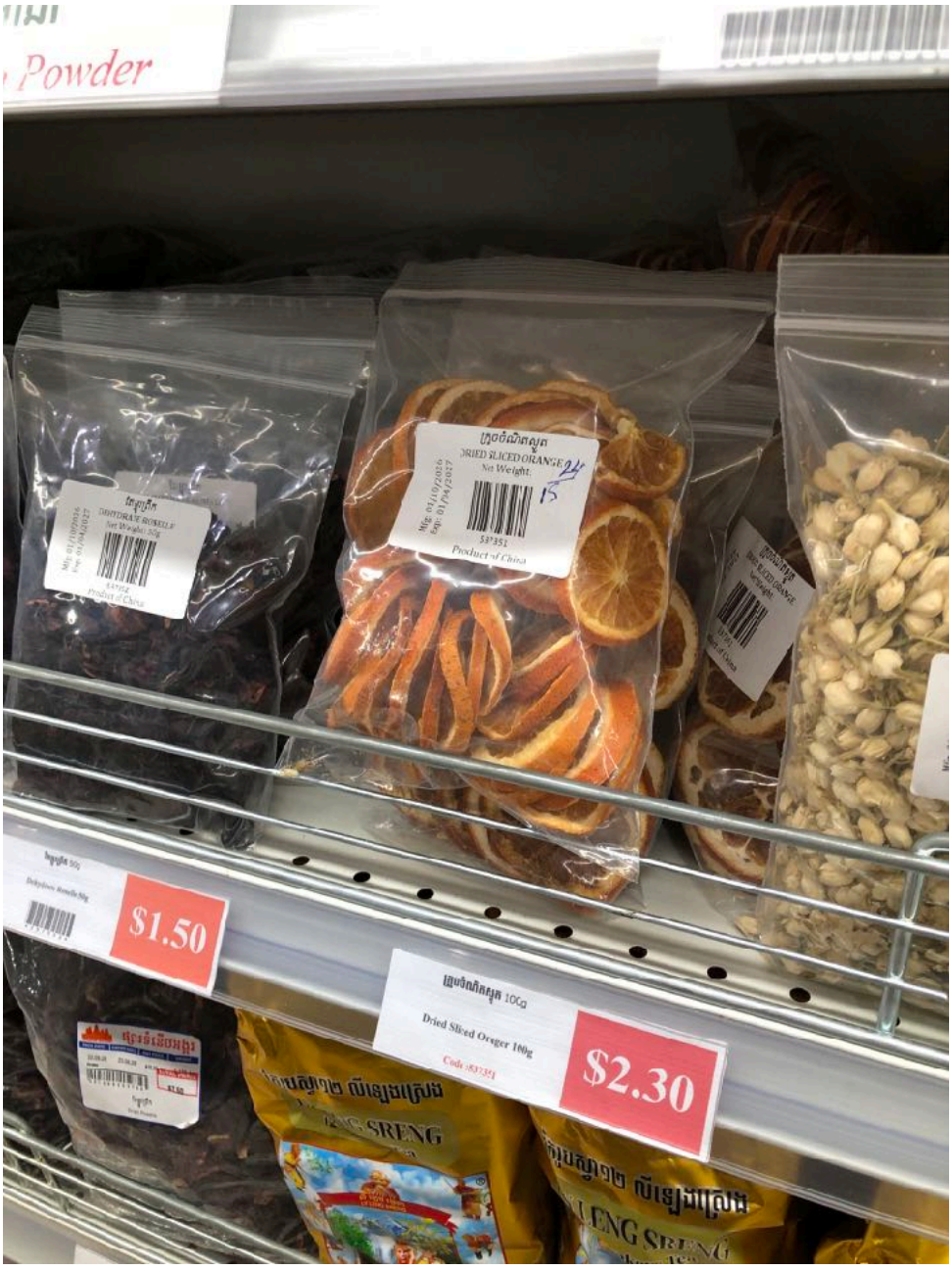


Sunday 25th October, 2026.

The road is open to tuktuks now. We caught one both ways to the supermarket, because the sun is hot.
Angkor supermarket now opens at 8:00am (not 7:30).



Angkor supermarket does many things well. This is their refrigerated fruit section. The grapes and the berries are imported (usually from the US).



You can find nearly anything (sliced dried orange and jasmine flower buds).



Including some things that are not appealing (I wouldn’t buy this!).

Monday 26th October, 2026.

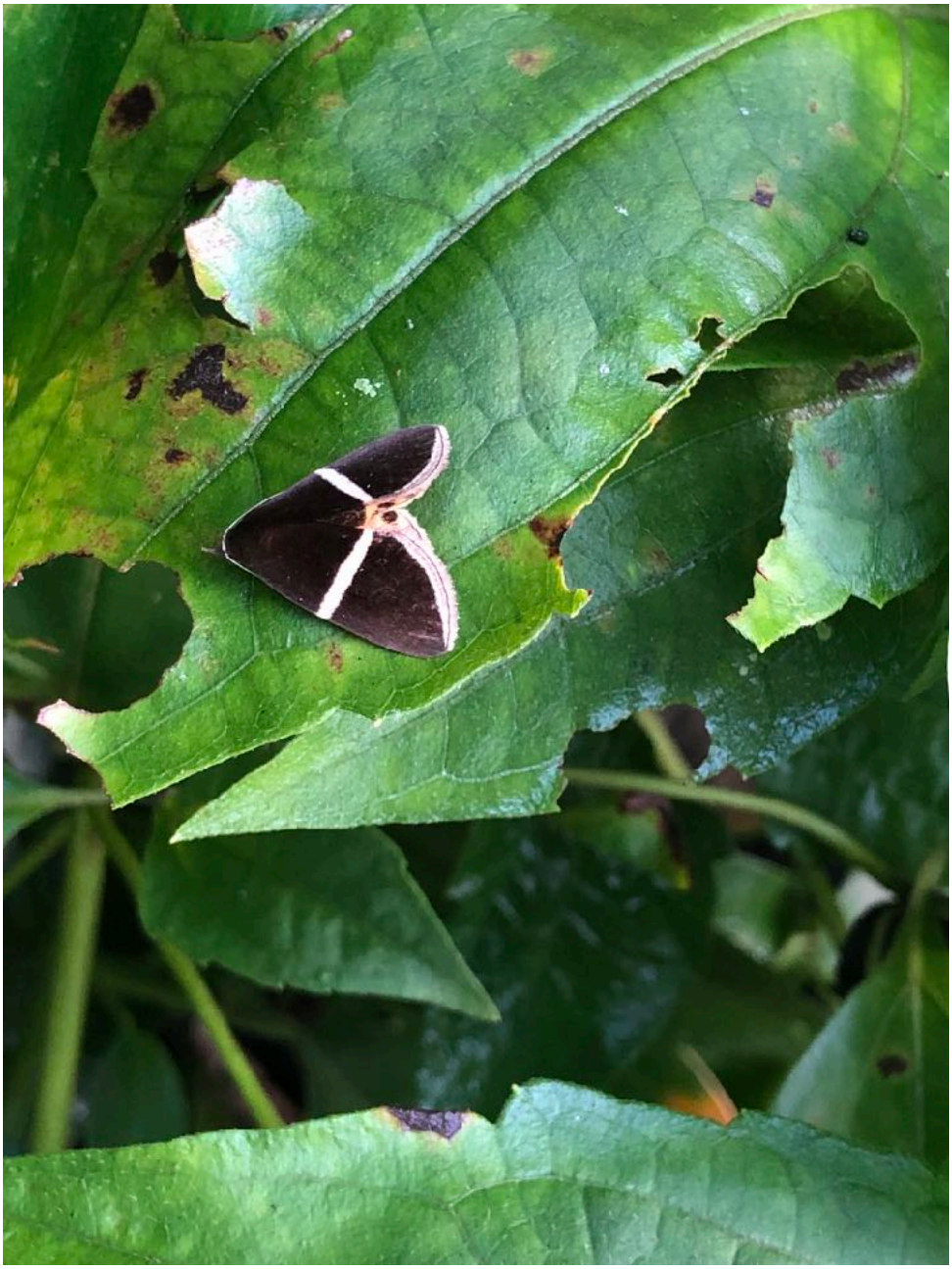
Wall Walk : South Gate to Prasat Chrung SE



This is inside the South Gate of Angkor Thom.



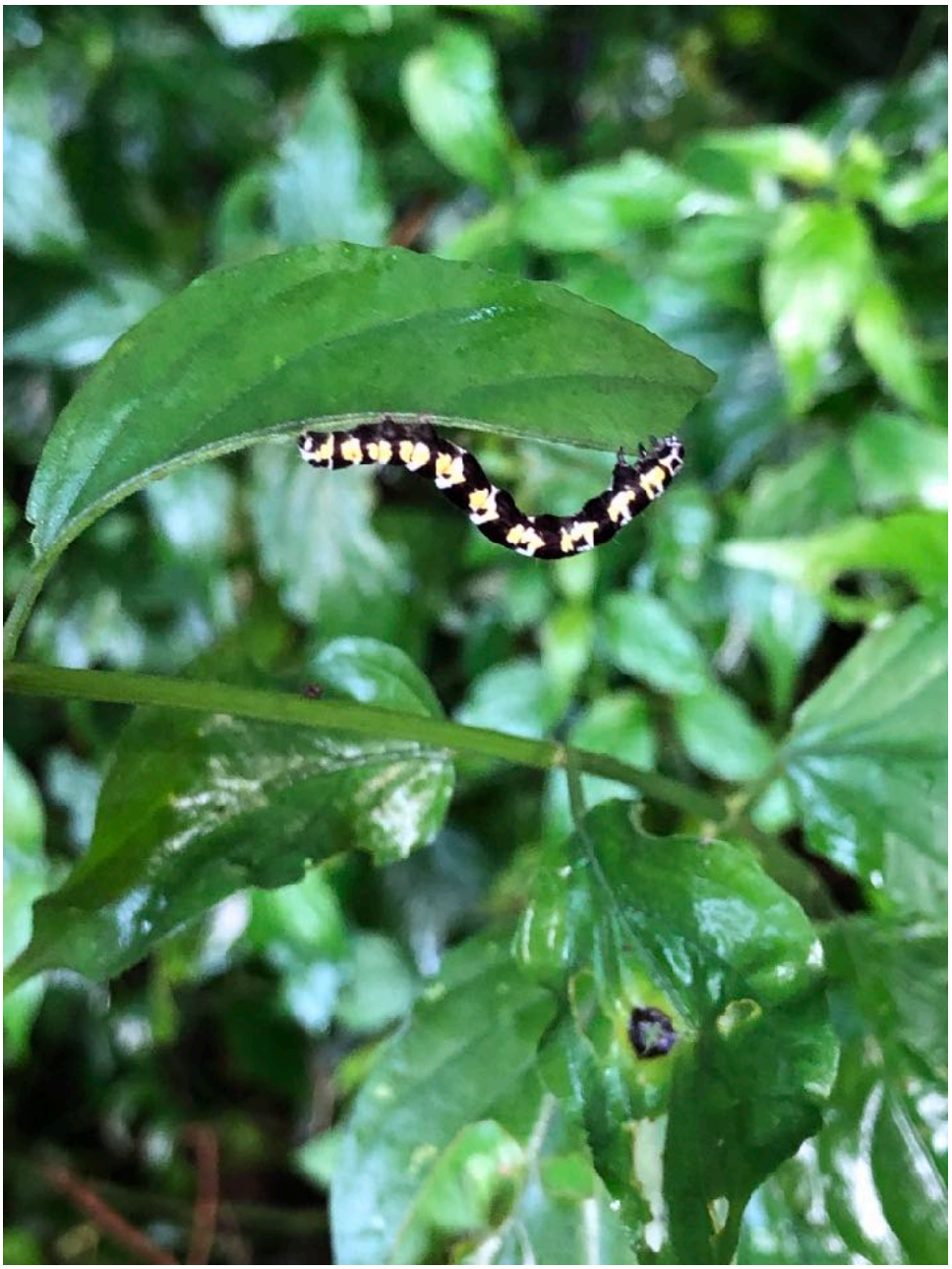
The trees are big.



The trees and the bushes provide shelter for many much smaller living things, like this moth.



This is a lucky photograph. The grey lines on this butterfly's wings aren't noticeable when it is flying. I thought they were white butterflies.



We see many butterflies. We don’t see as many caterpillars.



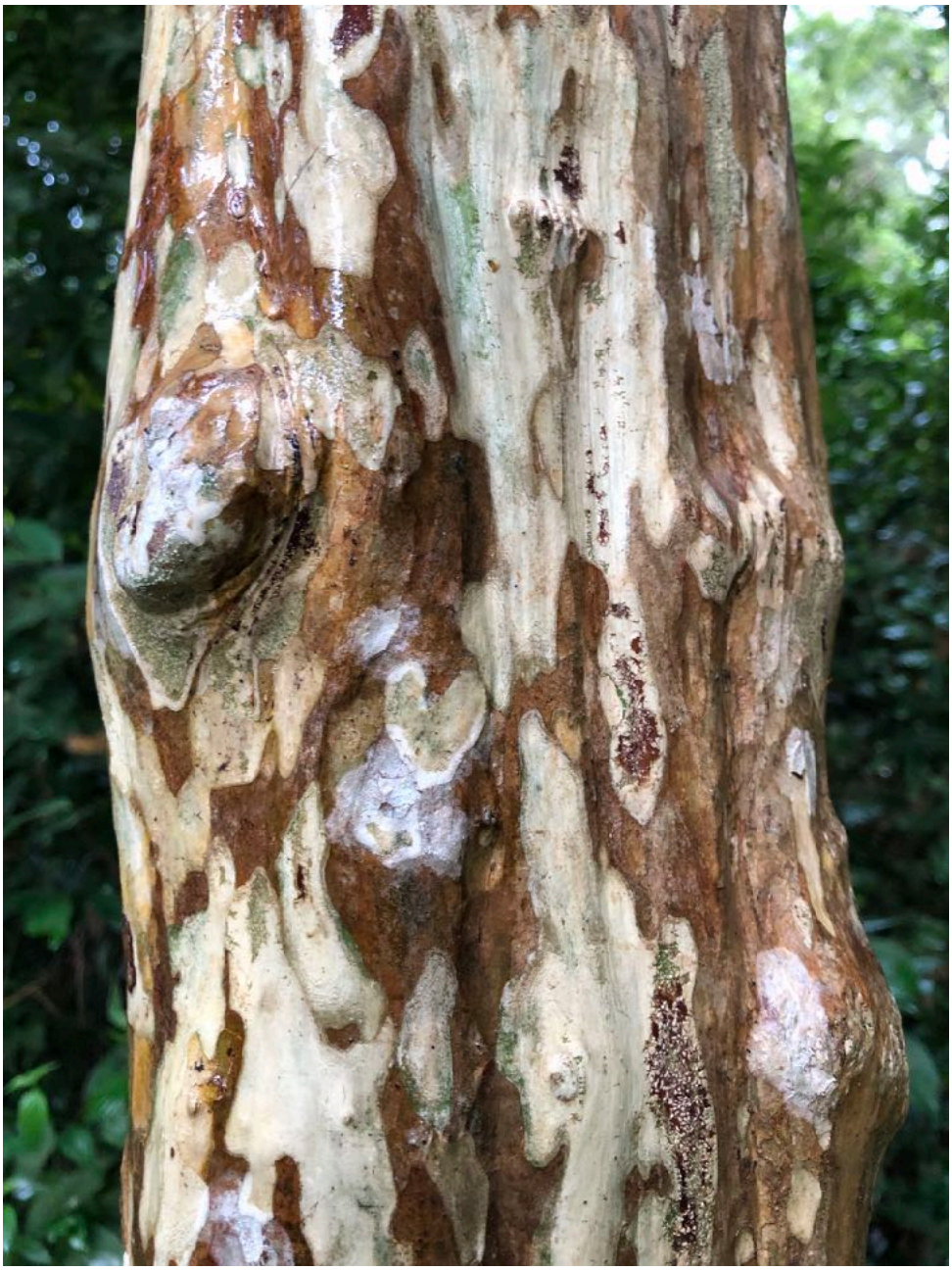
This plump frog was just sitting amongst the green weeds.



The fungi is growing.



This is a new dragonfly. I like the stripes on its body (thorax). It's abdomen is long and thin.



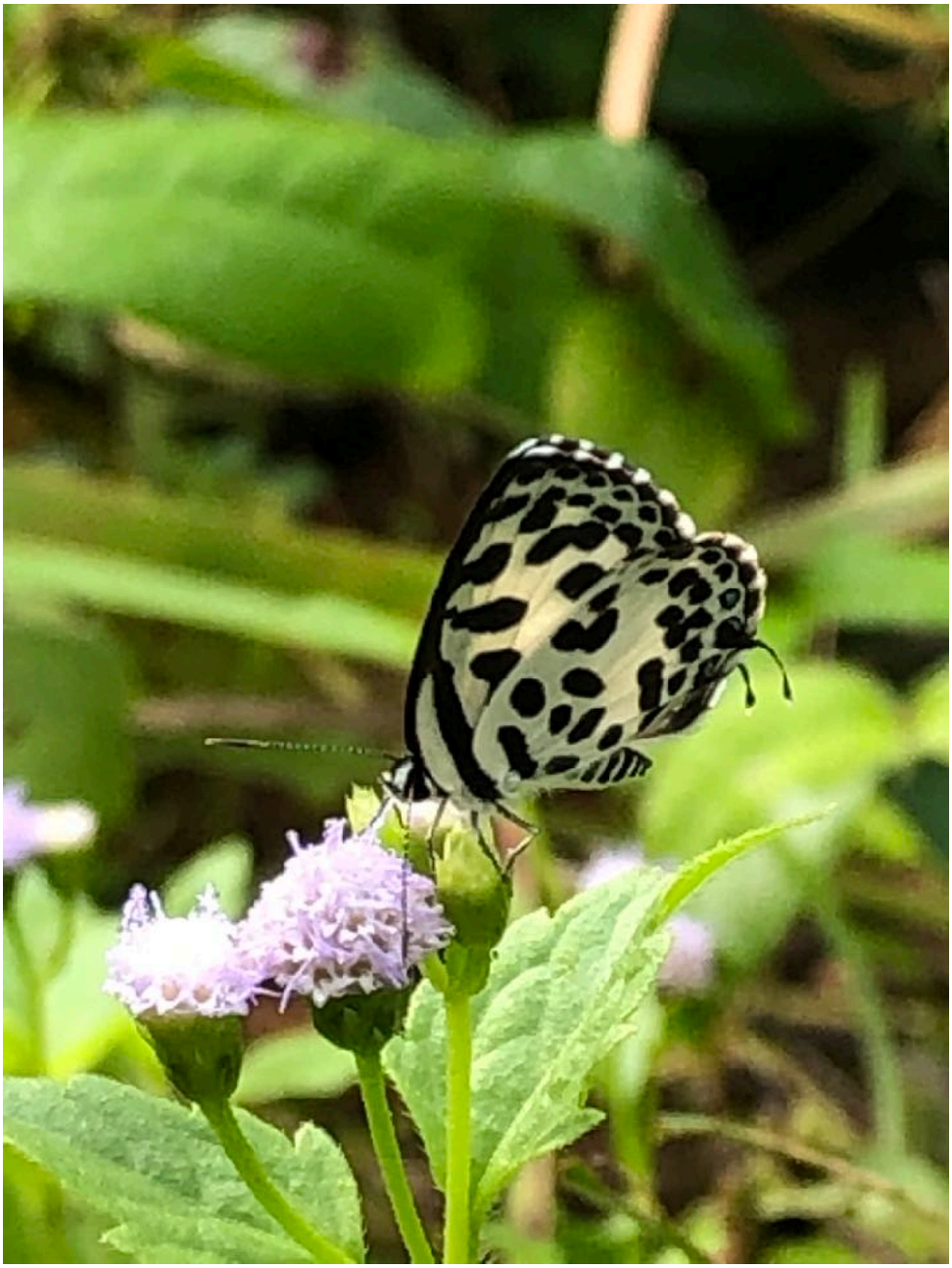
Interesting bark.



Very different bark.



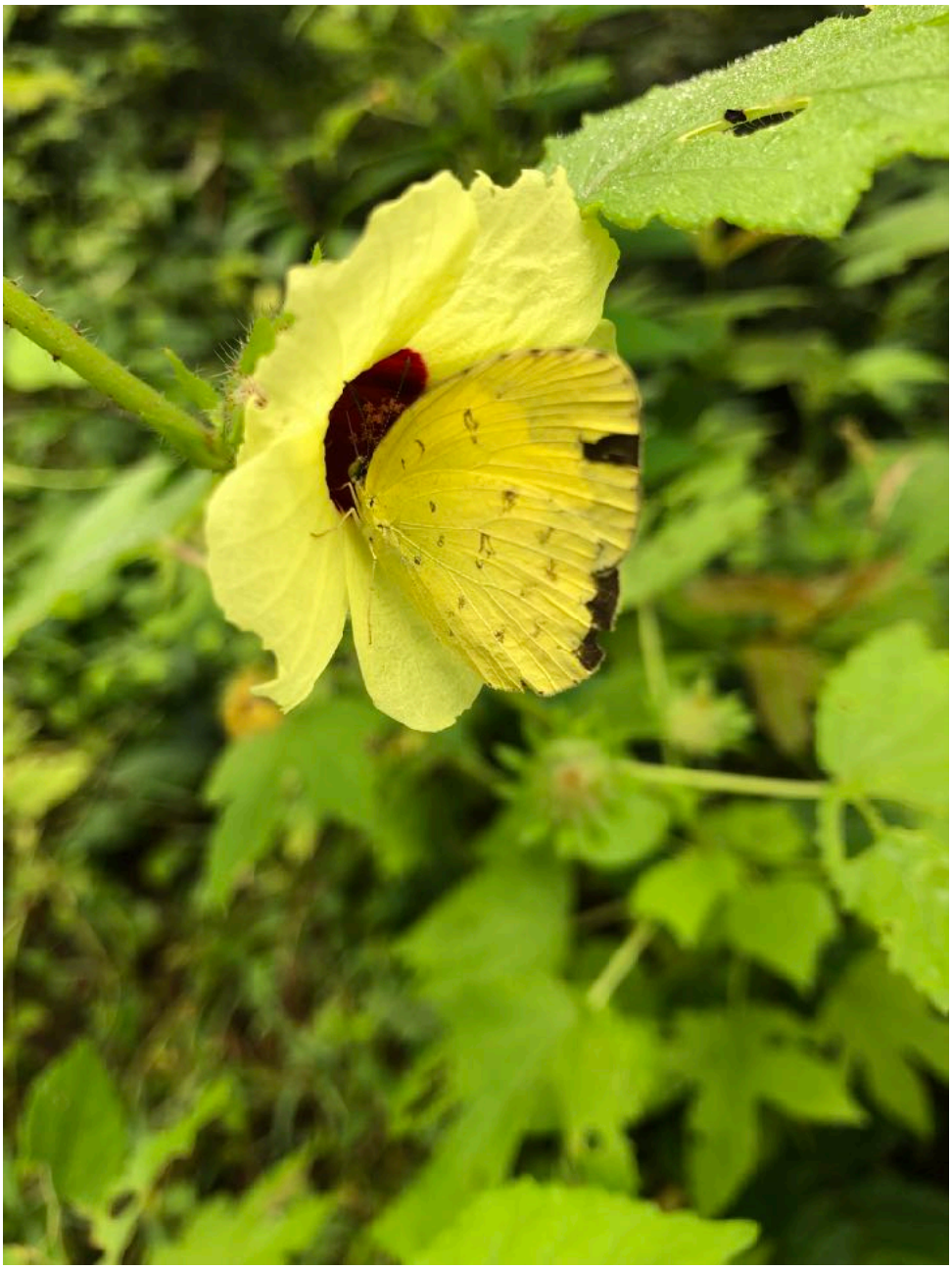
You have to look carefully. How many lizards do we miss?



This is a tiny butterfly, with wings of about one and a half cms.



Some of the insects we see are less pleasant. This mosquito is about the same size as that white and black butterfly.



The yellow butterflies also have squiggly-line patterns on their wings.



From the South Gate, we rode home via a village called Veal. The roads are notoriously bad for pot holes. In the floods, you cannot see these pot holes, as the water completely covers the road.