Part 404 for Cathy's blog

Thursday 29th to Saturday 31st, October, 2026
Temple Day : Neak Poan and Leak Neang Temple (near Pre Rup).

Neak Poan Temple is different because it is five ponds with walls and arched bridges, rather than towers inside walls. When the sky has beautiful clouds, or stormy clouds, you can get dramatic reflections in the pools.



The Temple lies on a man-made island in the North baray (Jayatataka), which is a man -made lake.

Above is the walkway to the temple. The water is about 1cm below the boards. This is the fullest we have ever seen it.



Looking across the baray to Phnom Bok (just a tiny bump … on the horizon, above the water lily).



The tower of Neak Poan, in the central pool of the five pools.



Fungus growing around the tree roots.



Restoration works continue.

We stopped in at Leak Neang Temple, the single bricked towered temple almost opposite Pre Rup Temple.

We like this temple because it is often overgrown with vegetation and you never know what insects you might find there.

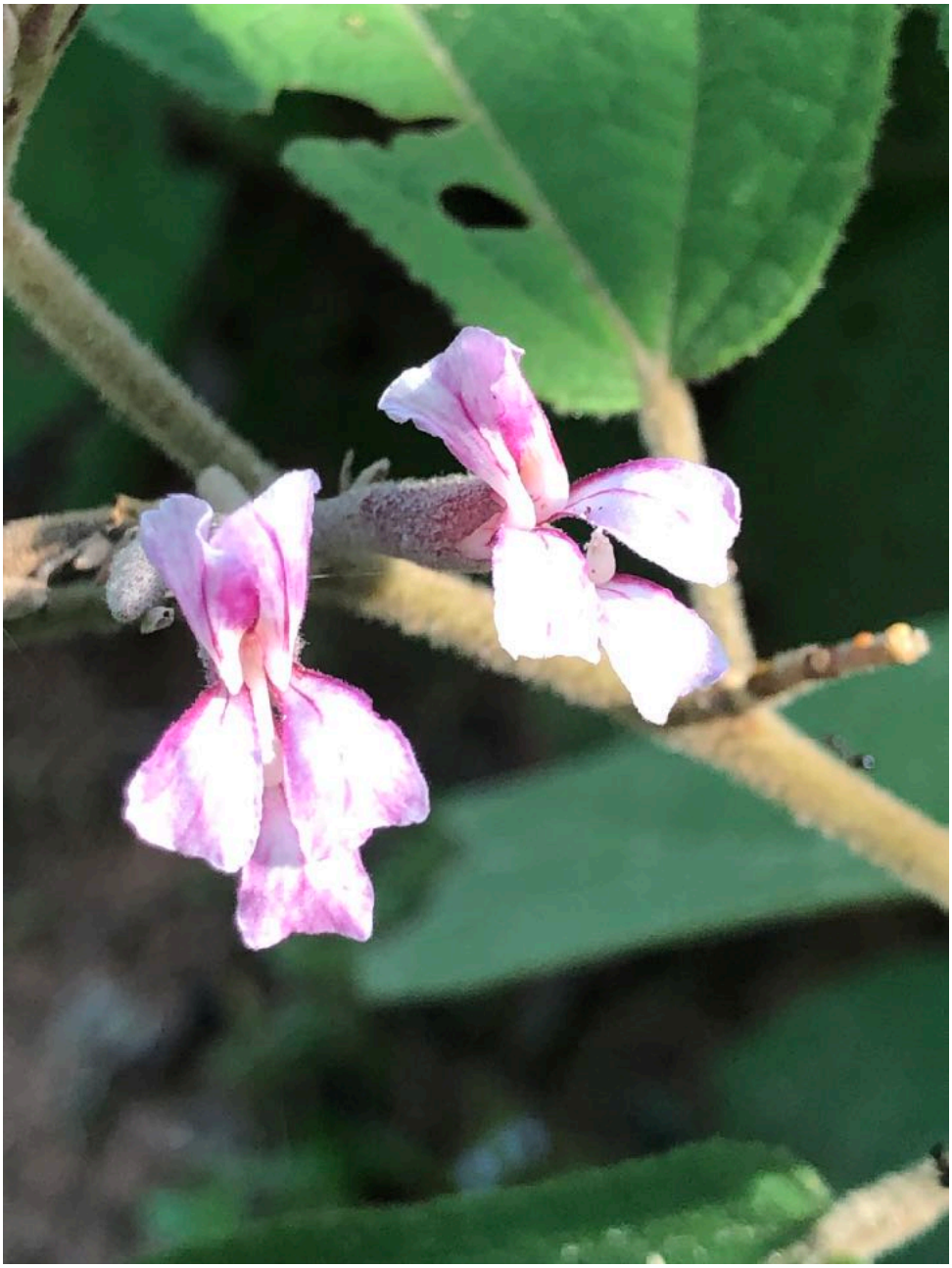
It is also good to stop, about half way home (from Neak Poan).

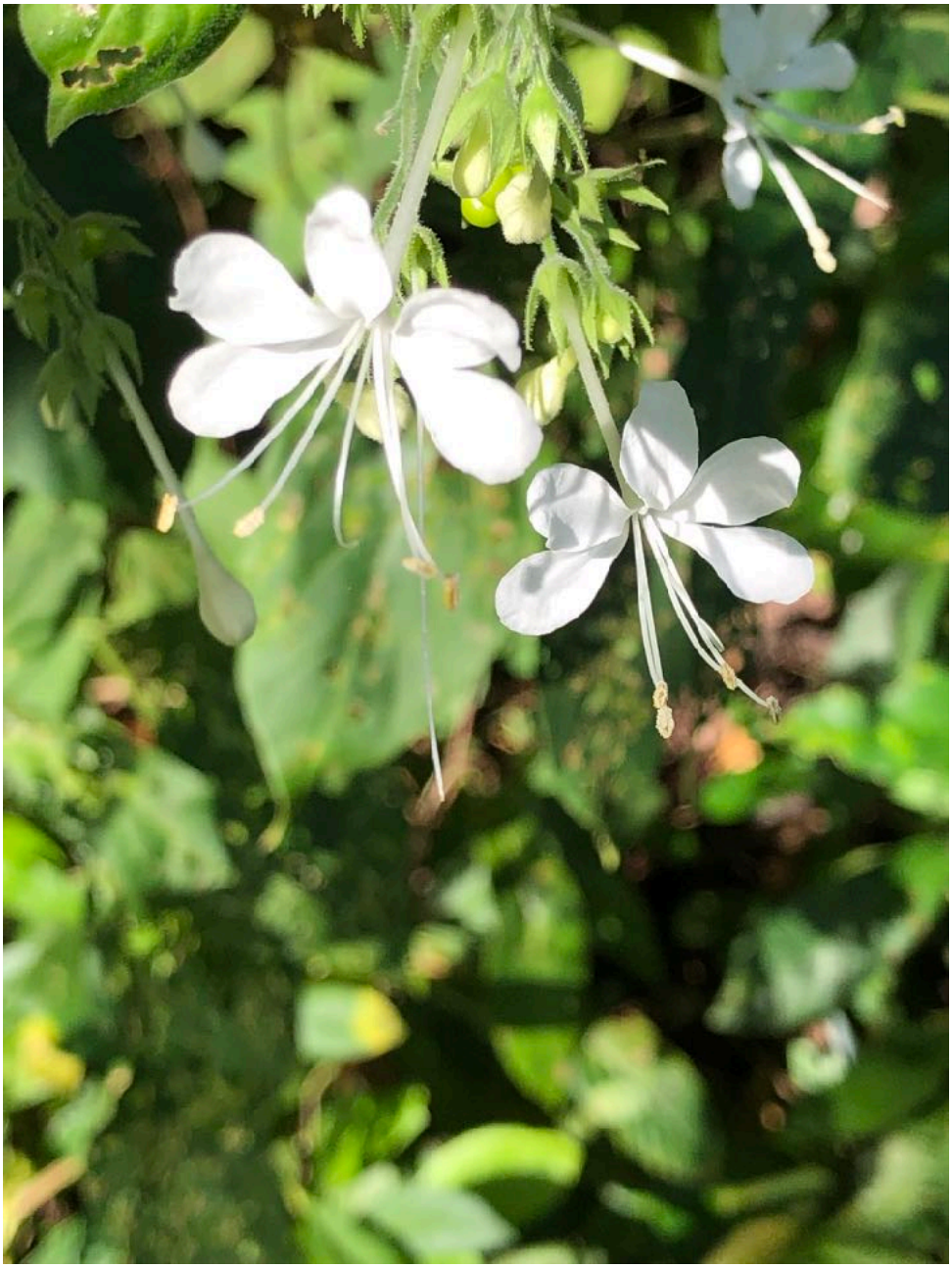


Here are some of the flowers (weeds, really) at Leak Neang Temple.









Behind the temple are the rice fields (just south of Preah Dak). The rice is taller than me and will soon be harvested. In a good year, three crops of rice can be grown.





Here is the trusty bike, in the weeds, at Leak Neang.

We have been going to the Thursday night “chat group” in order to practise speaking Khmer. I will reserve my decision about whether to continue or not. It is now exactly half and half… half of the weeks we have been able to have a good chat in Khmer, a good chance to speak and to listen (the other half of the days, we have not had any more practise than please and thank-you).

Friday 30th October, 2026.

Wall Walk : North Gate to NE Prasat Chrung



Our first find on our walk was another new moth.

I am sure this is a new spider, too, because I would remember an orange huntsman spider.





The wings of the dragonflies are so delicate.



So are the wings of the damselflies.



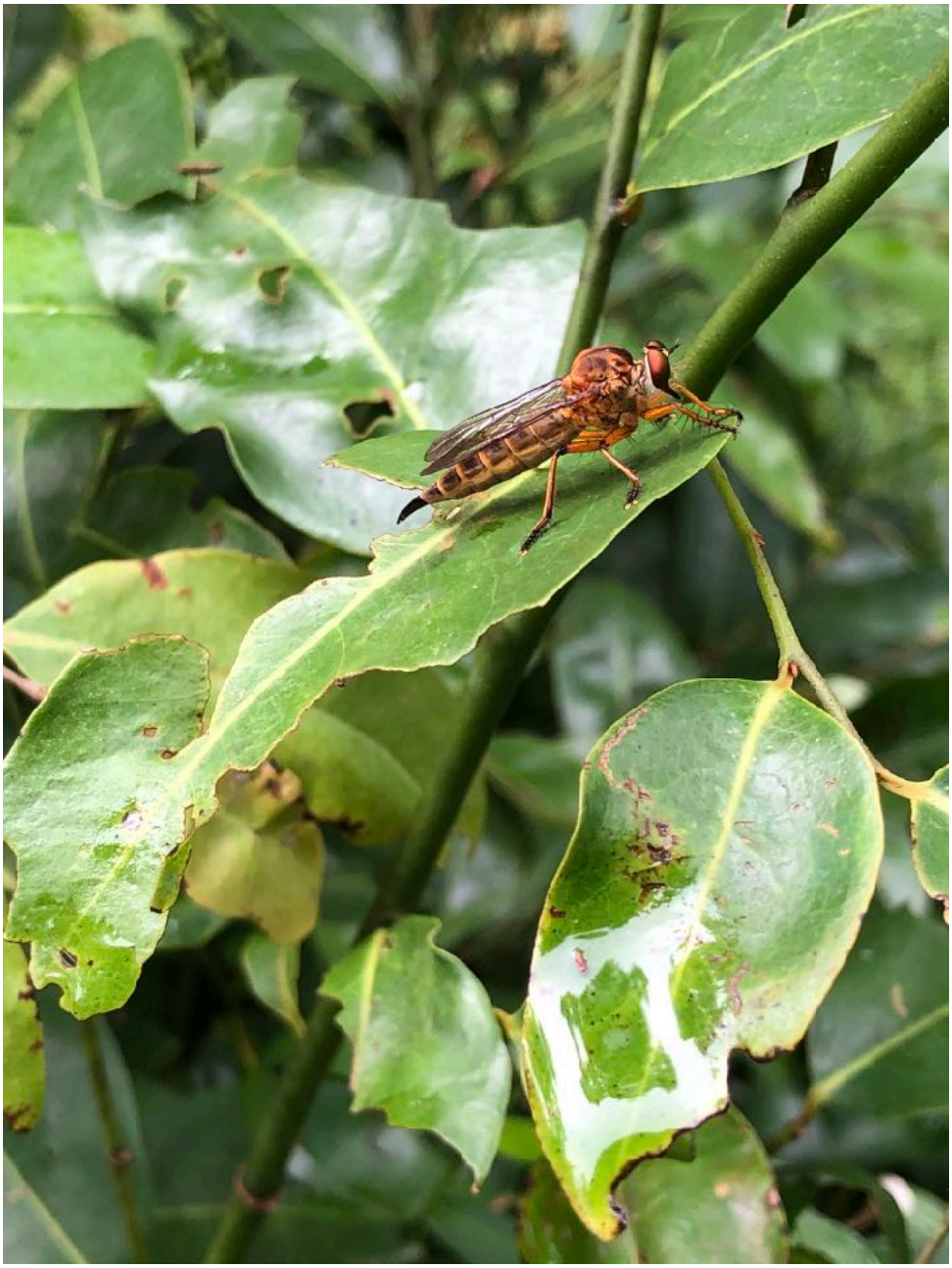
Pretty pink flowers.



Fungus on a tree stump.



Not a lady-bird at all.



More assassin flies.



I think this is a leaf hopper.



An empty chrysalis.



Another long-horned beetle. The wood crane long horned beetle. There were several “fights” over the females.



The North Gate.

Saturday 31st October, 2026.

We did our usual morning shop at Angkor Supermarket.

In the afternoon, we went out on the bike to the Lucky Supermarket and bought a “slab” of Coke Zero (for $8:20… that’s 30 c a can!)

And so, October comes to an end.