**Part 410 for Cathy's blog**

**Friday 13th to Monday 16th,  November, 2026**

**Friday 13th**
**Temple Day : Banteay Thom**

I like Banteay Thom Temple and David likes the ride, so it was an easy decision to head out to the west and north of Angkor Thom.

We expected the local road to be partly flooded, and we went through several large pot holes filled with water, before deciding not to go any further.

When riding, David's foot got soaked.

When walking, I slipped over and got one foot wet too.

So we went back to the North Gate and walked west to Prasat Chrung NW.



**This photo was taken along the road through Nokor Krau Village.**

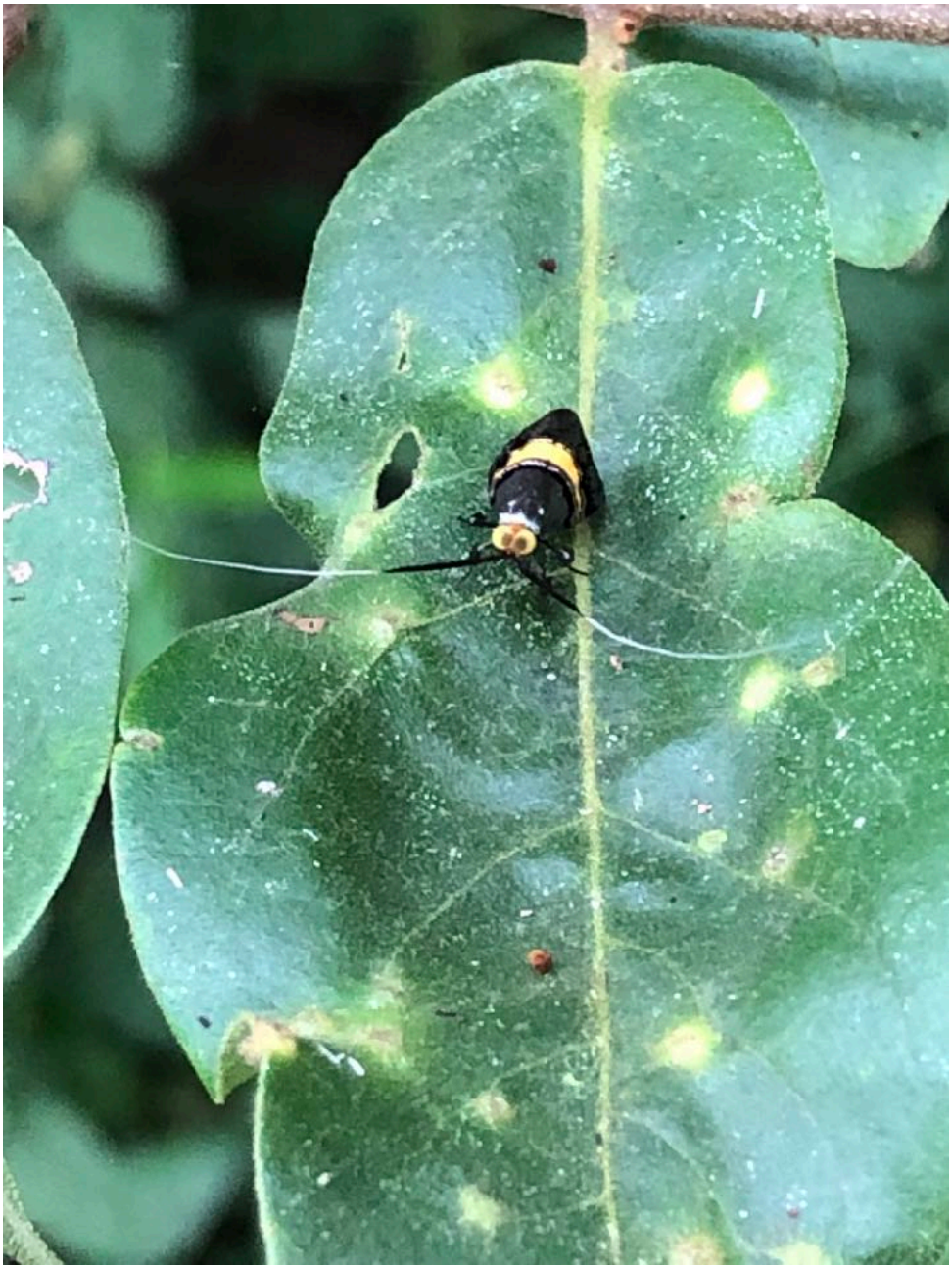
**A monk on his morning rounds and a local delivery opposite.**



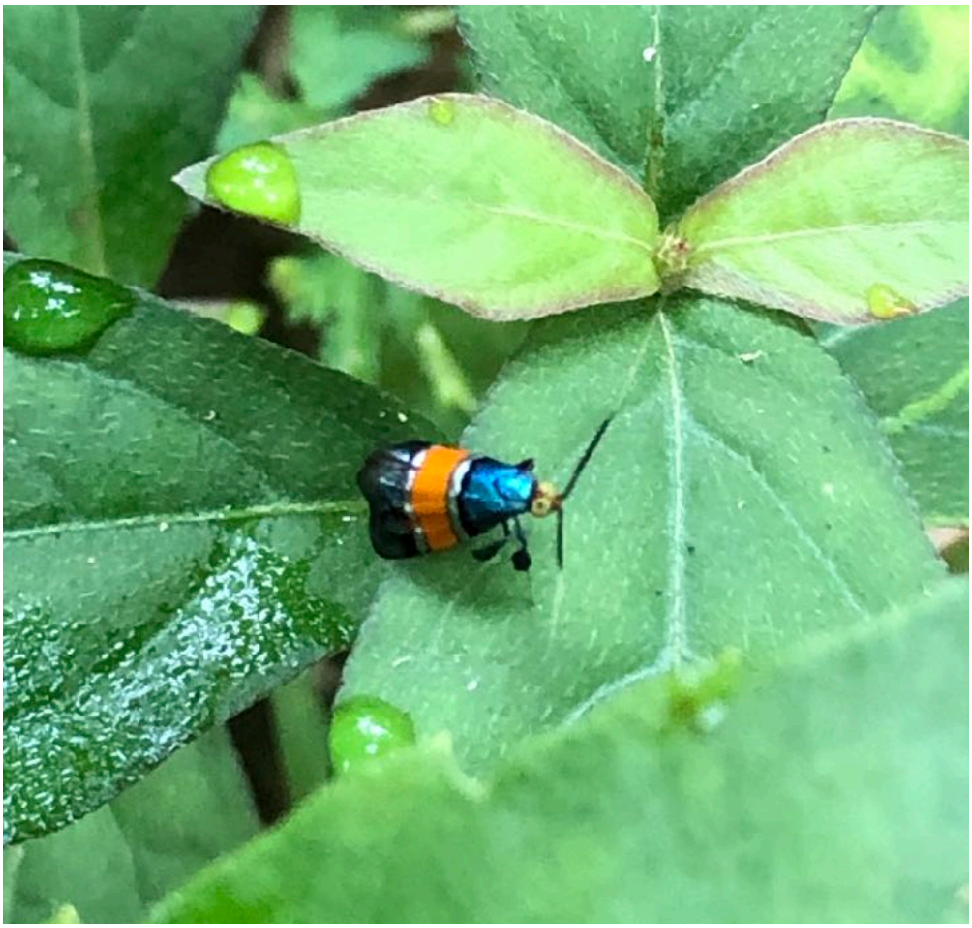
**We parked at the North Gate.**



**Up on the wall, and we find the insects immediately.**



**I am not sure about the googley eyes, but this is a long horned beetle.**



**Another insect with googley eyes.**

**It is a Nemophora sp., a fairy moth (thanks iNaturalist).**



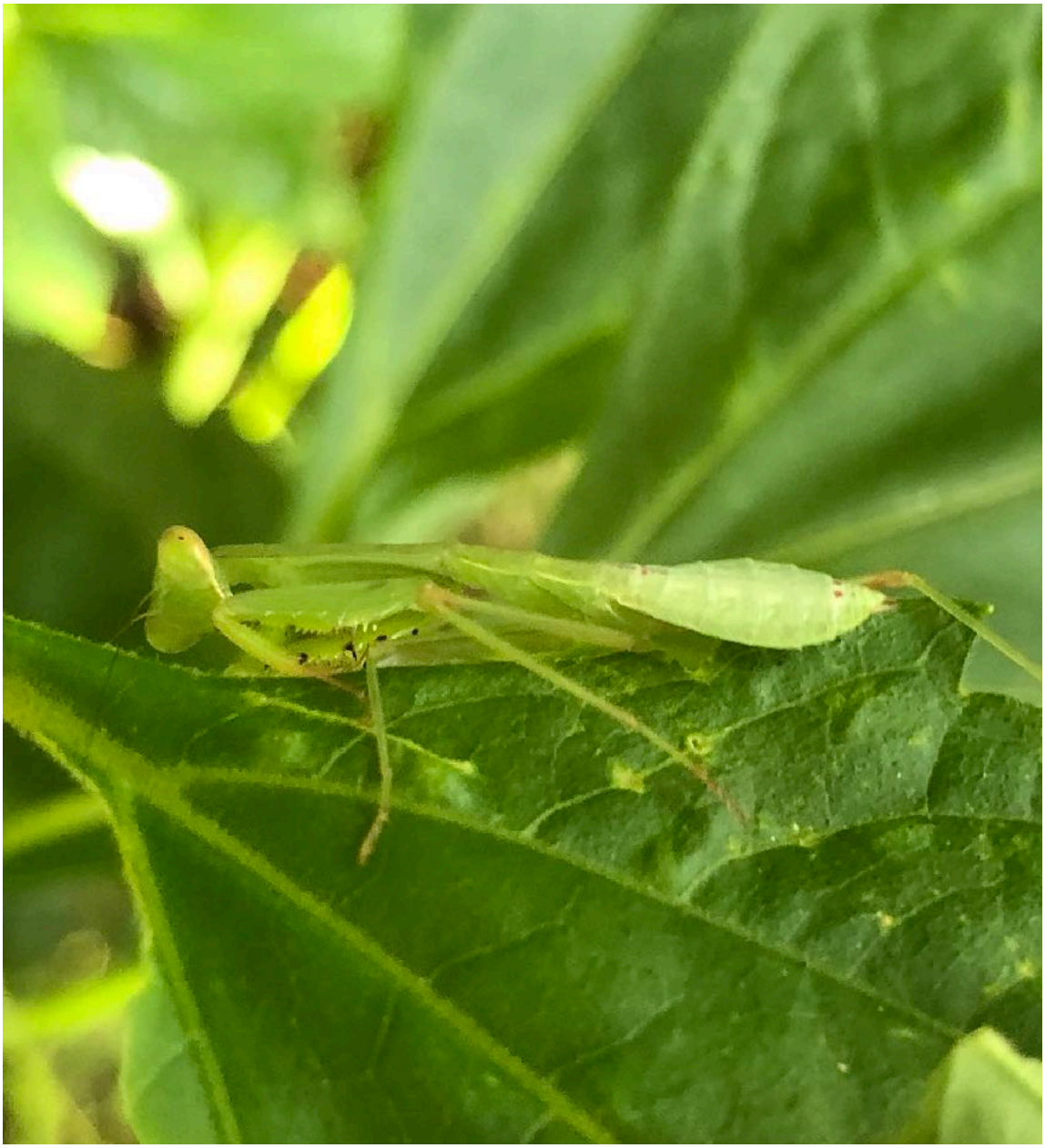
**This damselfly is about 2cm long (half the “usual” size). It is also the only red one I have seen (lots of them about this morning).**



**Its body is really thin places.**

**Another of these insects… a catydid or a grasshopper?**





**And David found this praying mantis, just looking at us.**



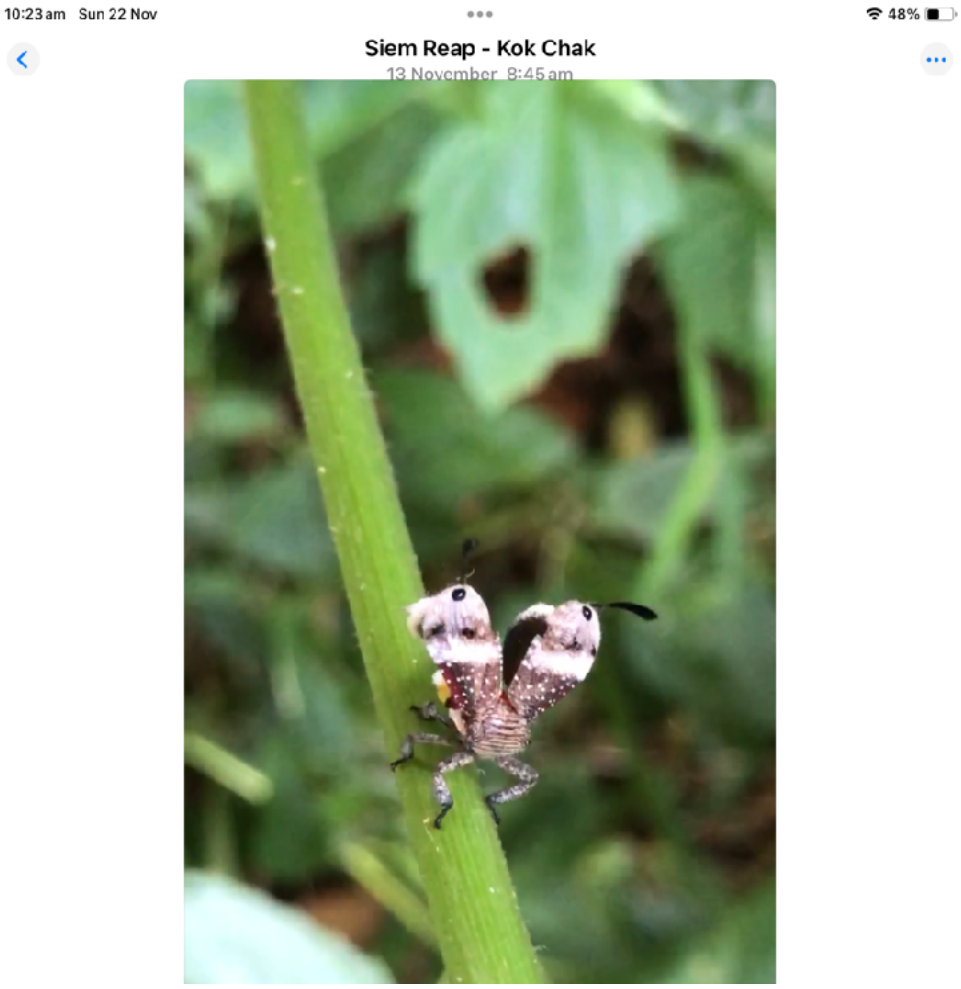
**A cute frog.  It won't be long, and the frogs will all be down at ground level, in the forest of Angkor Thom, where there are some water reservoirs.**



**Another praying mantis, different colour.**



**The highlight of today's insects, was this fellow… a SE Asian leaf hopper, Ancyra sp.  It walks backwards.  The feelers you can see are part of its wings.**




**This is what does it scare off**

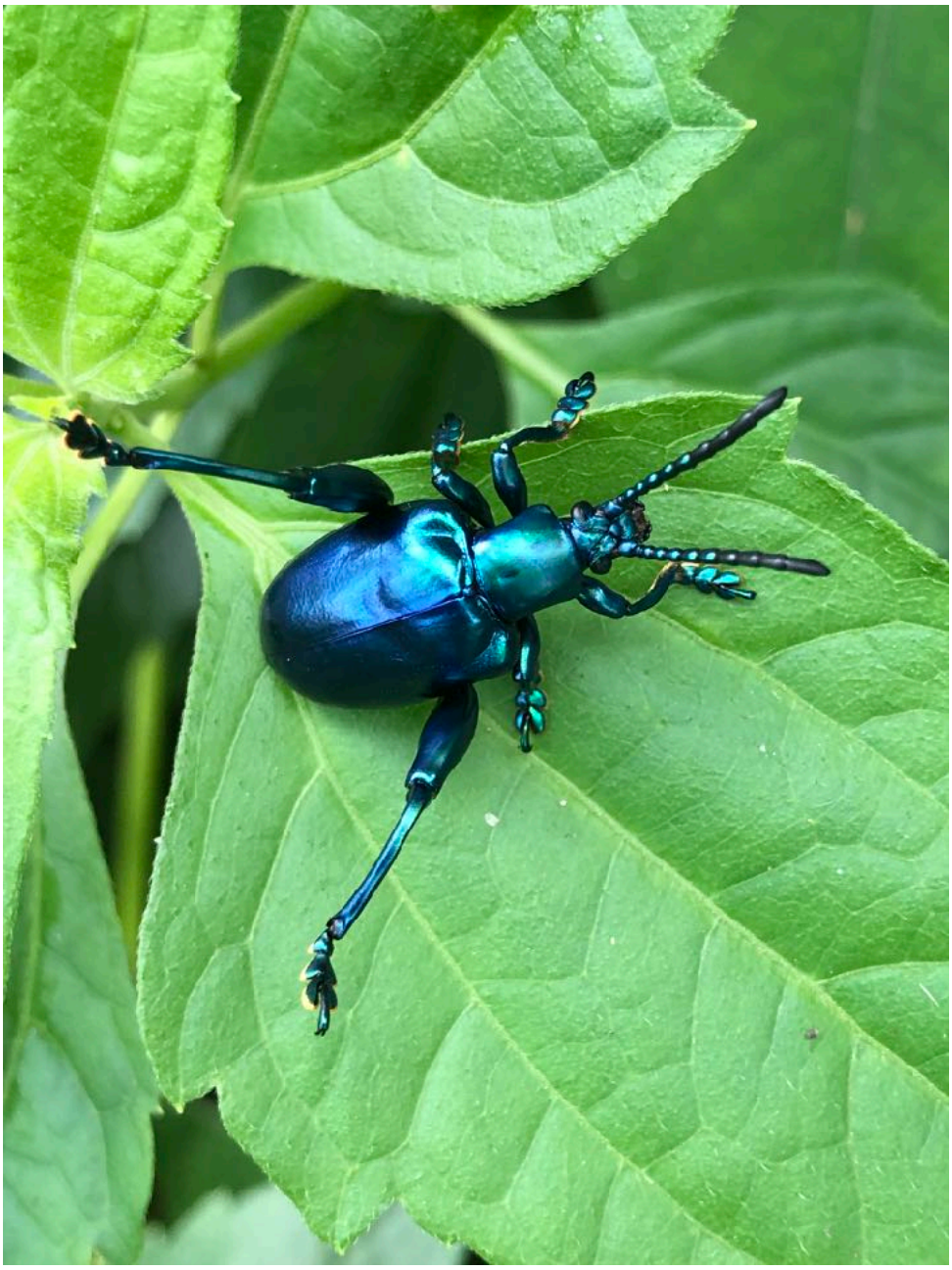
**predators (and photographers). This is a screen shot from the video, so I am sorry about the quality.**



We found this beetle too.



**This moth.**



**And this beetle, called a frog-legged beetle.**



**And here is Prasat Chrung NW, not quite as overgrown as the long grass suggests.**





**Back nearer the gate, we found this moth.  It's wings are translucent.**



**David carefully put it onto a leaf (but we don’t think it was very well).**



**The Suor Proat towers (north) from the road to the Victory Gate. We ride past these nearly every day.  We are lucky to see these (and other) temples every day.**

**Saturday 14th November, 2026.**

Saturday comes around again and we headed off to Angkor Supermarket.




**I’m not sure what flavour these lollies are!**



Then the rest of the day is for domestic chores (washing, cleaning) and our blogging, Facebook, language practise, exercises, swimming and sewing.  Add in some tv watching.

**Coming back from having tea in town, this is our new concrete road in the moonlight.**

**Sunday 15th November, 2026.**

Sunday is another day of being at home.

**Monday 16th November, 2026.**
**Wall walk : West Gate to Prasat Chrung NW.**



**A snail eating the fungus on a tree stump at the West Gate.**



**There are many trees on the wall. Some are leaning over the edge. When they fall, they will take many of the laterite stone blocks of the wall with them.**



**You can see why they are called a praying mantis.**



**Striped caterpillar.**



**Pretty little toadstools.**



**Another tree on the edge of the wall.**



**Another praying mantis.**



**Look at this tiny moth!  So pretty.**



**This green caterpillar is cute!**



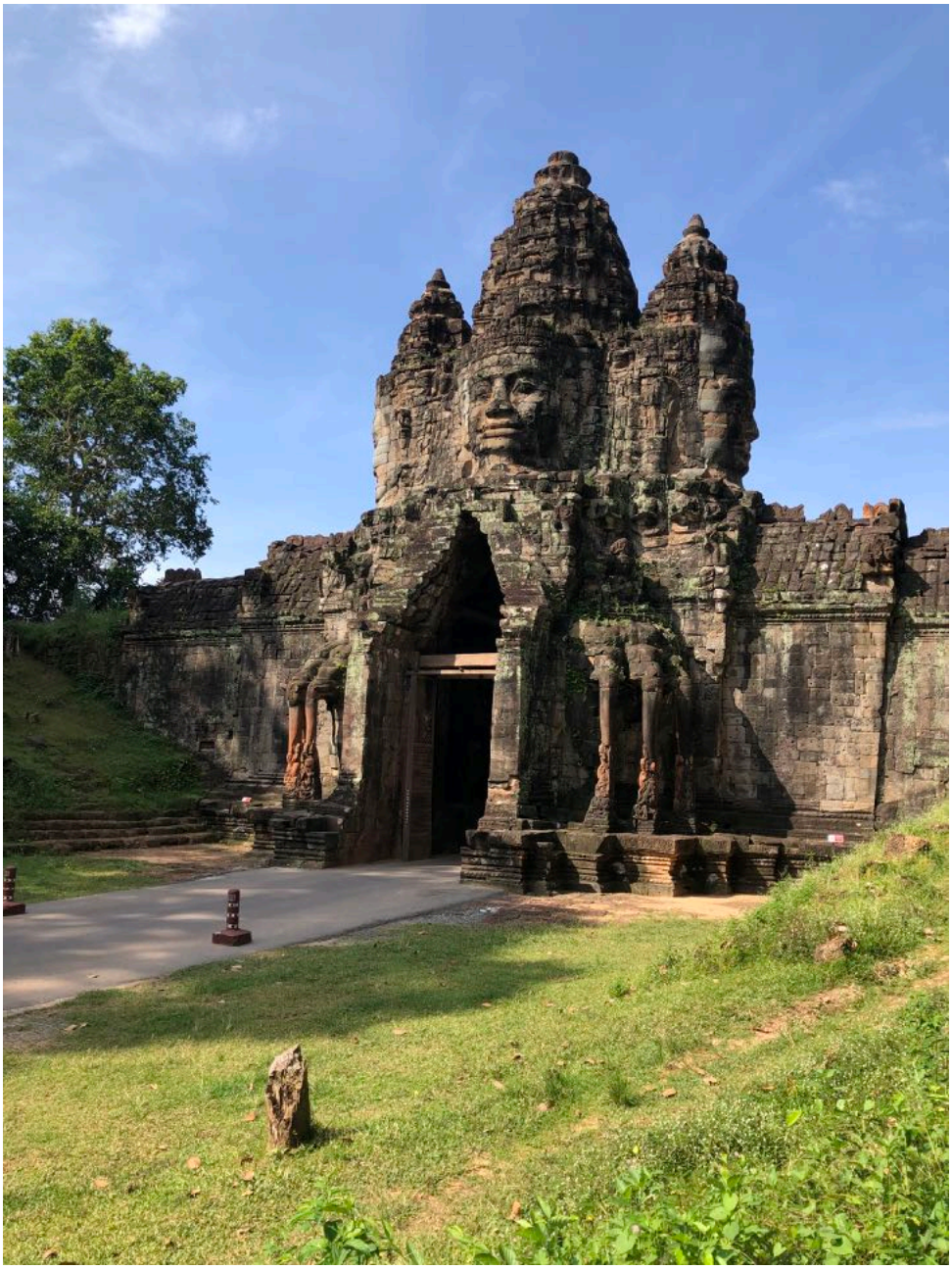
**This spider would be a challenge for those “zen tangle” drawings.**



**And it is nice to see these broad winged tiger moths. They flutter off when we get close, and then “scuttle” underneath the leaf.**



**This is the Leopard Lacewing butterfly Cethosia cyane.**



**The West Gate in the morning sun.**

When we were back at the apartment, David uploaded our photos into iNaturalist.  **We have sighted over 300 species now.**