



This is an overview of where we lived, Orchid Paradise Home.



A few pictures from the restaurant on a friday. Then it was often barbecue night and it was quite popular.



The restaurant had closed on Sundays, so then we were sometimes in town to eat.  
Here we are at [Coco51](#) eating curry.



Green curry with beef



Green curry with chicken



During Christmas we were visited by Silja and Isaac.  
Here we are at the restaurant on the field and are going to  
eat Norwegian Christmas dinner on Christmas Eve.



Table decoration



We were a bit early.



There came more people eventually.



These guys were playing.



Julenissene came as well.



The trees are decorated.



Lamps are suspended in the trees.



We were there also New Year's Eve, but then Isaac and Silja had left.



Lots of lights in this tree.



There was barbecue New Year's Eve too



The staff is working.



Lamps in the roof inside.



The street between where we lived and over to the restaurant.



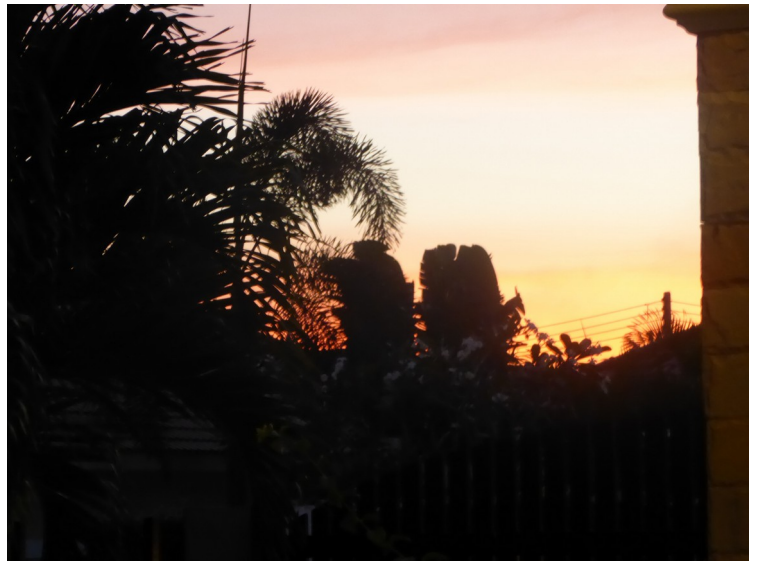
Here we are at the restaurant before the sun has gone down.



I'm tasting the food.



A couple of sunset pictures.



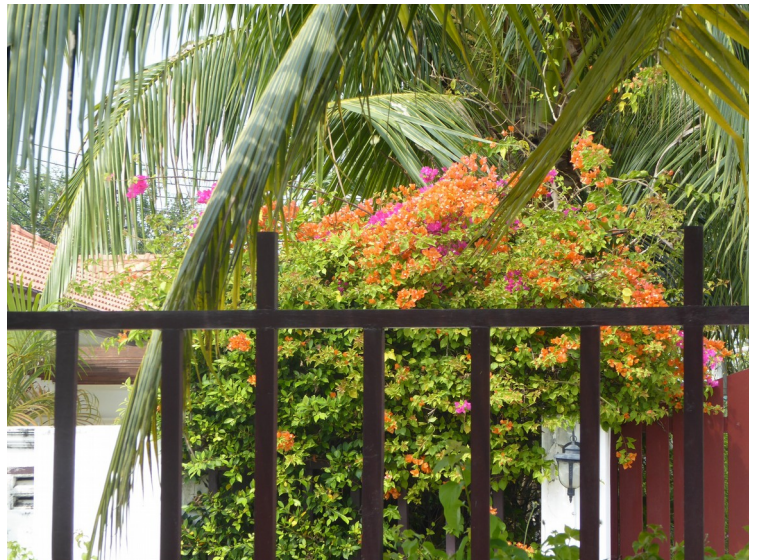
Then the sun has gone down.



Picture taken from the pool.



Corner by the pool.





This is a kind of [gourd](#).



There grow coconuts in the garden.



Flowering bushes and trees.



Here we are at the Norwegian Embassy in Bangkok.



We were told by Visumservice that we could extend the visa after 90 days in Thailand. We could do this at an Immigration Office in Hua Hin. When we got there it turned out that it was not possible to extend it there. We were told that we could choose between two ways. One was to leave Thailand and then return. Then we would get a new tourist visa for 30 days. We did not want that. The second way was to obtain papers from the Norwegian authorities how much we get in retirement. Then we could extend the visa by one year. We downloaded this from NAV from the web and stored it on a flash drive. Then we went to the Norwegian Embassy in Bangkok to get a confirmation. They did not want any memory stick into their Pcs. They were afraid of viruses. Then I had to go to town to find a place I could have done a printout. I got it done at a nearby hotel, so that made it happen.

Then follow some bird shots that were taken during the winter. We saw 19 different birds.



This is a [black drongo](#). [Video with sound](#).



[Common myna](#). [Video with sound](#).  
We had two such birds in the garden almost all the time.



[Spotted dove](#). [Video with sound](#).



[Streak-eared bulbul](#), [Video and sound](#).  
This functioned like an alarm clock almost every morning, because then it came and chopped on the bedroom window.



[Asian koel. Video with sound.](#)

This made sound from morning to evening.



[Javan myna. Video with sound.](#)



[Kingfisher. Video with sound.](#)



[Green bee-eater. Video and sound.](#)



[Sooty-headed bulbul. Video and sound.](#)



[Oriental magpie-robin. Video and sound.](#)





[Zebra dove. Video and sound.](#)



[Black domestic pigeon. Video and sound.](#)



[Greater coucal. Video and sound.](#)



The top one is a [Eurasian tree sparrow. Video and sound.](#)

The bottom one is a [Plain-backed sparrow. Video and sound.](#)



[Hoopoe. Video and sound.](#)



[Scaly-breasted munia. Video and sound.](#)



Streak-eared bulbul, Video and sound.



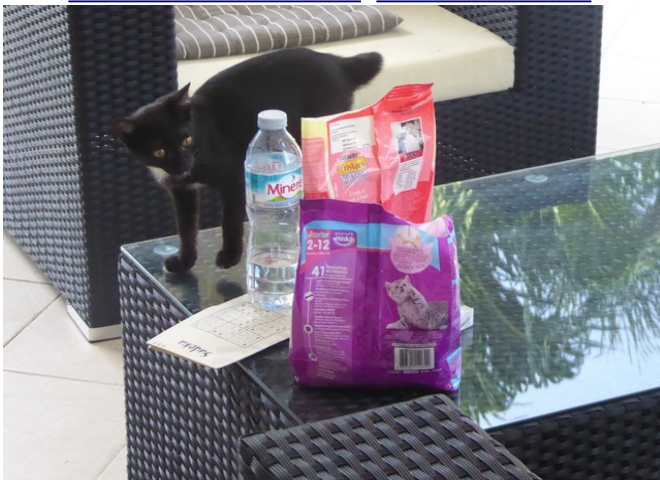
Brown shrike. Video and sound.



Dark-necked tailorbird. Video and sound.



A common myna with a stick in the beak. Nest material.



The cats got Whiskas.



When we left from there, they had become quite big.

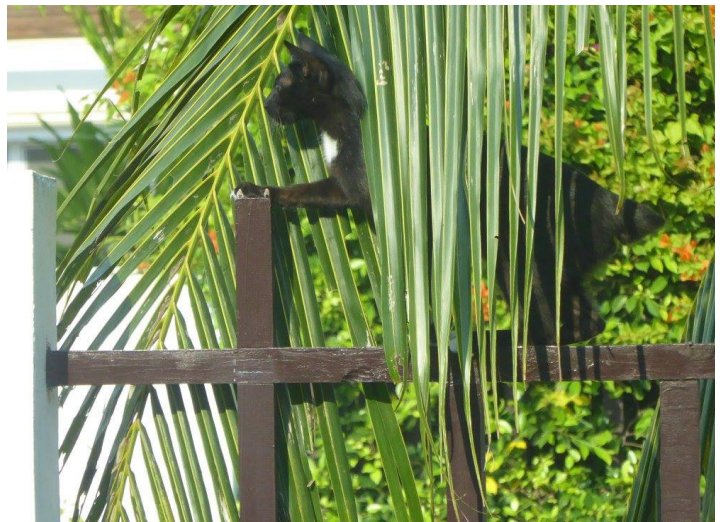
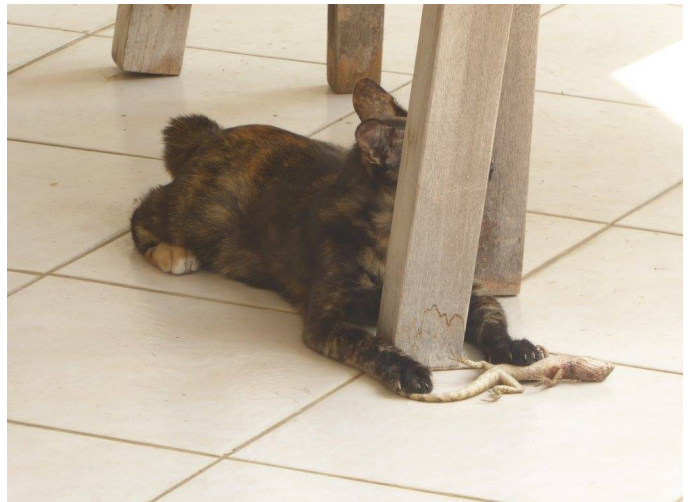
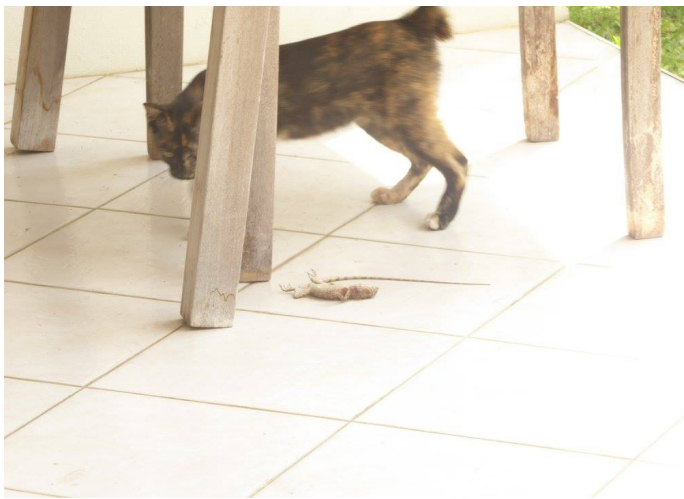


One of the cats is looking for a dove.





Here the other chases on a gecko.





At the end an [Banded bullfrog](#). Its sound sounds like a cow that is bellowing. We thought for a long time there was a cattle walking and grazing nearby. [Sound](#).



When we went back to Norway, we traveled to Bangkok the night before the plane was going to leave. We ordered a taxi online, and the driver arrived on time with the car, which we had ordered. We had booked at [ZEN Rooms Ladkrabang 48](#).



On the web, there was said that there should be a restaurant in the hotel, but it was closed when we arrived. We got the reception to get taxi to a nearby restaurant. When we were finished with the meal, the staff called the hotel and there came a car from the hotel to pick us up. Great service!