

Clear-Lee Cloudy Imagination

Here are some interesting clouds that I have seen in the sky over Thailand. I remember watching clouds in my youth and still enjoy this simple pleasure today. Hey, it's free so I can easily afford to do it! It may take a bit of stretching your imagination to see what I see in these cloud pictures. But as many of you know, I never seem to have a shortage of imagination.

-----G.K. Lee



Sky Frog Portrait

I saw a giant frog cloud while waiting outside a market in Nan Muang (Nan provincial capital) late in the afternoon about 1 hour before sunset.

The frog seems poised to enter the city, front legs raised as though it was ready to climb over a wall. It is definitely headed our way, looking straight at us with bulging eyes on both sides of its head. I sure hope it is looking for a meal of flies and mosquitoes!

(04 Nov 2008 A650g 042)

Sky Hog Profile

A fascinating characteristic of clouds is their unlimited ability to "morph" or change into just about anything. Talk about flexibility and freedom! A few minutes after seeing the Sky Frog, and after people watching in the streets, I glanced up to see the Frog and found it had changed into a Pig!

The pig must have seen something interesting to the left, so turned to face that direction.

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The Bear

When I saw this cloud, it seemed this was the aerial version of "the bear came over the mountain." And judging from the background clouds, this may have been what the Sky Hog was looking at!

Frankly, if I saw a big bear in the sky coming my way, I would turn to look, too!

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Gecko in the Sky

With all the flies and mosquitoes in Thailand, it came as no surprise to see a giant gecko in the sky! This one was east of our farm. I took this to be a "sign from above" that non-toxic pest control should be continued on the farm. Hopefully these sky geckos will always be cruising around to help keep the bugs in check.

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Cloud Snail

Everyone knows how slow snails move. So it was easy to photograph this one "racing" to get home from work at the end of the day. But the neat thing about snails is that they always carry their homes on their backs! So, no matter where they go, they are always "home!"

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Elephant Family

I saw this mother elephant and her baby on a riding on a cloud float in a parade in the sky. Of course they were just "floating by" when I photographed them. Guess that's why they ride on floats in parades!
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Alligator in the Sky

.....I remember hearing a song with a line in it that mentioned "alligators in the sky". Always thought they were on drugs when they saw those...that is, until I saw one in the sky over the farm. It is approaching from the right in this photo. I'm not sure what this one was looking for. To be on the safe side, I took this photo from the shelter of the sala over our #3 fish pond on the farm.
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Rare Thai Deer

There is an endangered species of barking deer in Thailand. It doesn't live in the north, but seeing this one over Doi Phu Kha seemed to be a reminder that wildlife all over the world are being threatened by loss of habitat. We all need clean air, water, food, and shelter. If their habitat goes, so does ours.
(02 Sep 2008 A650g 016)





Cloud Rooster

Of course, we are on the farm, so what would be so unusual about seeing a rooster? Well, for one thing, to see one this big....and for another, to see one this high in the sky. Okay, it's your basic economy model with not much color. But what do you expect when you get this one for free?

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Person on a Boat

Look for the person on a boat at the bottom center of the picture. This scene reminded me of the days when I taught for the US Navy in the western Pacific. The ocean, like the sky, is vast. And even a 750 foot ship seemed small on the expanse of the Pacific.

(06 Oct 2008 A650g 167)



Cartoon Dog Watching the Sunset

It was the end of a long day on the farm. I looked up and saw this cartoon-like dog sitting on a cloud admiring the sunset. Seems he had a nice comfy, fluffy soft seat with a great view. I had a hard wooden bench over the fish pond. Life can be so unfair sometimes. But then again, he's in heaven and I am on Earth. What do you expect?

(08 Oct 2008 A650g 336)

Cloud Canine

I am not sure of the breed of dog, but my first impression is a cloud Cocker spaniel sitting up waiting for some sort of heavenly treat. Wow! Sometimes it can really be a dog's life!

(23 Oct 2008 A650g 034)



Dragon Horns

This is a "you had to be there to see it" shot. It was taken on a day of the annual dragon boat races in Nan Province. For some it was an "auspicious" sign. A local team from Wangwah village in the Thwangpha area (near us) won the championship for the 3rd year in a row!

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I hope you enjoyed these photos. Life is ever changing like clouds. You never really know what will happen next. So you need to be prepared. Carry your camera with you everywhere you go. Be ready for life's many surprises. Clouds are free for everyone to see what they can imagine. Life is too short to be squander precious minutes being unhappy. Let your imagination take hold. You are free to be as happy as you desire. (By the way: All of these are actual photos, not "Photo shop" creations. There's already too much phoniness and deception in the world.)