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Tadauchi and Matsumura (2007) reported *Andrena marmora* Nurse described from Pakistan was synonymized with *Andrena cineraria* (Linnaeus) based on examination of the specimens in Tadauchi's short visit to Natural History Museum, London. After publishing our paper, Dr. D. Notton of Natural History Museum, London sent Tadauchi two syntypes of *Andrena marmora* and six Oriental and European specimens of *Andrena cineraria* with useful comments. I further studied the specimens carefully and recognized that *Andrena marmora* Nurse is raised to a good species. *Andrena marmora* is separated from *Andrena cineraria* by having the following characters: the size is smaller, the metasomal terga with denser punctures with white lateral hair bands on T2 to T4, and the facial fovea white below (all black in *cineraria*).

Andrena marmora Nurse

Andrena marmora Nurse, 1904, J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc, 15: 562 [Pakistan] **stat. rev.**

Specimens examined. *Andrena marmora*: two syntype females, Peshin, 4.03, Col. C, G. Nurse Collection, 1920-72. *Andrena cineraria*: [Nepal] 26 females, Marpha, 2650m, Palpa, 7. v. 1968 (T. Matsumura); 4 females, Tukucha, 2600m, Palpa, 7. v. 1968 (T. Matsumura); 2 females, Syang, 2700m, Palpa, 6. v. 1968 (T. Matsumura).

[Kashmir] 1 female, Kashmir, 6-7000ft., Col. C, G. Nurse Collection, 1920-72. [India] 1 female, Sangcha, N. Kumaon, India, 14500ft., H. G. C. [Tibet] 1 female, Jungjung, Khola, 5000ft., 17. vii. 1953 (J. B. Tyson). [Europe] 1 female, Mailand, Italy; 1 female, British Isles., Brandley Coll., B. M. 1945-56, Adel, 16.5.20; 1 female, British Isles., Brandley Coll., B. M. 1945-56, Brandley, 6.19.

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Reference

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