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Variation in the Ant *Polyrhachis thrinax* (Hymenoptera)

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Polyrhachis (*Myrmothrinax*) *thrinax* Roger

Polyrhachis thrinax Roger, 1863, Berlin. Ent. Zeitschr. 7: 152, worker. Type loc.: Ceylon.

Polyrhachis (*Myrmothrinax*) *thrinax* var. *mucronis* Donisthorpe, 1942, Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist. (11) 9: 460, worker (stated in error to be female). Type loc.: Nadungayam, 200 feet, Malabar, S. India. NEW SYNONYMY.

Donisthorpe states, "In this variety the central spine on the petiole is simple instead of being bimucronate as in the typical form." In a type of *mucronis* received from the British Museum, however, I find that the tip of the central spine is actually finely bimucronate. The Nadungayam specimen, a few workers from Bombay (*ex. G. B. King Coll.*), and two nest series from Jorhat, Assam (*A. C. Cole leg.*) show some variation in the breadth of the apex of the spine, as well as in other minor characters, but there is nothing exceptional in this for a *Polyrhachis*.