



61. *contracta*, *Myurella* - E. A. SMITH, 1873, A. M. N. H., 11: 268. Hab. ? Coll. Belcher. Size: 17 x 3 3/4 mm. Holotype: 16.0 mm.

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TEREBRA CONTRACTA Sm.

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6.—*Terebra contracta* Smith.

*T. (Myurella) contracta* E. A. Smith, Ann. Mag. N.H., xi, p. 268, 1873.

Hab.: I., Karachi. In shoal water on muddy basis. The naming of this small species, also considered a *Myurella* by the author, was confirmed by him. It has only occurred once, and that in the early days of Mr. Townsend's collecting, in 1893-4.

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106. *Terebra contracta* (E. A. Smith, 1873)

(Pl. 28, fig. 106)

- 1873 *Myurella contracta* E. A. Smith, Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist. ser. 4 11:268.
- 1901 *Terebra contracta* (E. A. Smith), Melvill & Standen, Proc. Zool. Soc. Lond. 2:428.

**Description:** Shell to 16 mm; color gray with brownish early whorls and brown aperture; outline of whorls turreted; subsutural band indicated only by a spiral row of grooves anterior to the suture; axial ribs curved, from suture to suture; spiral cords evenly spaced, faintly crossing ribs, about 10 per whorl; body whorl elongate; aperture elongate; columella curved, brown, with parietal callus.

**Type locality:** None given.

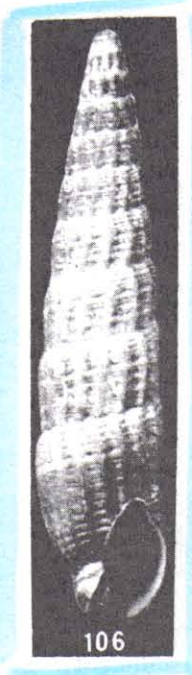
**Distribution:** Arabian Sea. (Melvill & Standen, 1901)

**Type:** Holotype BM(NH) no. 1979137; 16 x 3.1 mm.

**Discussion:** This species was subsequently reported by Melvill & Standen from Pakistan.

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106. *T. contracta* (E. A. Smith). Holotype British Museum (N.H.) No. 1979137; 16.0 mm.



*Myurella contracta*.

*M. testa parva, turrata, cinerea; anfr. 12, planiusculi, costis longitudinalibus validis, leviter arcuatis, obliquis (in anfr. ultimo 17-18 ad basim continuis) instructi, sulcis parvis, transversis, pluribus, profundis costas inter et levibus costas supra, ornati, et infra suturam punctorum serie inter costas inaequaliter divisi; anfr. ultimus basi contractus; apertura parva, fusca; columella obliqua, labio callo crassiusculo fusco juncta.*

Long. 17 mill., diam. 3 3/4.

*Hab.* — ?

The strong ribs (made somewhat nodulous by being cut across by the numerous transverse sulci, which are rather deep in the interstices), the basal contraction of the last whorl (which is broader at the suture than inferiorly), the small brown aperture, and the callosity on the columella (which extends to the juncture of the outer lip with the body-whorl) are the chief distinguishing marks by which this peculiar shell may be recognized.

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