Crabgrass or Tall fescue?

All too often coarse tall fescue is incorrectly identified as crabgrass. Tall fescue is a thick bladed fast growing and uncontrollable perennial grass that usually grows in clumps in the middle of a lawn. Crabgrass, however, is an annual grass that germinates during the months of June and July and is controllable using a post emergent annual grass control. Crabgrass is light green in color and usually grows in clumps on the edges of the lawn. People are often misinformed and under the impression that crabgrass is only controllable with a pre-emergent weed control. Crabgrass can be killed without damaging your desirable grasses using a special product called Drive XLR8 and will die within 7-14 days after the application. Coarse tall fescue on the other hand cannot be selectively controlled. Typically if you are seeing the grass in early spring it is not crabgrass.