

TALL FESCUE AND RYEGRASS DIFFER

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Tall fescue, Festuca arundinacea, (varieties Alta, Ky 31, etc.) seed lots are often adulterated with ryegrass. Fescue may be easily distinguished from ryegrass by close observation of the seed. A low-power (4X) glass will make this distinction easier.

RACHILLA: (The small stalk-like structure at base of seed, inner side)

> Cylindrical and slender, Tall fescue: the apex expanded into a

> > disc.

Flat, wide and strap-like Ryegrass:

and slightly wider toward the top, the apex not ex-

panded into a disc.

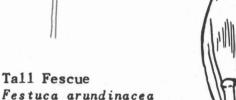
SHAPE:

Tall fescue: Lance-shaped; apex long-

pointed.

Narrowly oblong; awned. Ryegrass:

(Perennial ryegrass awnless)







Italian Ryegrass Lolium multiflorum