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(as) rare as hens' teeth (redirected from *as rare as hen's teeth*)

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(as) rare as hens' teeth

Incredibly scarce or rare; extremely difficult or impossible to find.

Support for the president is as rare as hens' teeth in this part of the country.

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rare as hen's teeth or scarce as hen's teeth OLD-FASHIONED

If something is as **rare as hen's teeth** or as **scarce as hen's teeth**, it is extremely rare. *Record companies are becoming as rare as hen's teeth.* Note: Hens do not have teeth.

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rare (or scarce) as hen's teeth extremely rare.

As hens do not possess teeth, the implication is that something is rare to the point of non-existence. The phrase was originally a US colloquialism, dating from the mid 19th century.

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(as) rare/scarce as hen's 'teeth (old-fashioned) extremely rare: *Critics always complain that good*

movies that the whole family can see together are as scarce as hen's teeth.

This refers to the fact that hens do not have teeth.

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