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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.

See also: rare, teeth

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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.

See also: rare, 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.

See also: rare, teeth

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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.

See also: rare, scarce, teeth

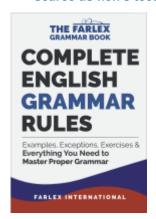
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