Taming Birds

The most amazing thing happened this morning. I still can't believe it! Everyone knows how much I love feeding birds. In fact, I have several feeders around the yard. So, today, just as I was 30 _____ to fill one of my feeders, I noticed a chickadee perched on the lower branch of a 31 _____ tree. The little bird seemed to be watching me.

Of course, chickadees really like sunflower seeds, and that's what I always put in this feeder. I 32 _____ it was probably hungry and just waiting for me to finish up and leave. It was then that I got this great idea.

Chickadees are supposed to be easy to hand-tame. Well, the chickadee was still perched on the tree, and I had the seeds, so I decided to try. I took a 33 _____ of seeds, held out my hand — palm up — next to the feeder and stood very still. I didn't even 34 _____ my nose when it started to itch! About a minute later, the chickadee flew to the tree closest to the feeder. I 35 _____ my breath and waited. It didn't fly to my hand, but it did fly to the feeder! It took a seed and flew off to eat it. I knew it would be back, so I continued to watch and wait. And sure 36 _____, in about half an hour of patient waiting my stubbornness was rewarded and the chickadee landed on my hand!

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1. Nearly.
2. Near.
3. Nearer.
4. Nearby.